CLASSIFICATION OF ORBIT CLOSURES IN THE VARIETY OF 3-DIMENSIONAL NOVIKOV ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. We classify the orbit closures in the variety $\mathcal{N}ov_3$ of complex, 3-dimensional Novikov algebras and obtain the Hasse diagrams for the closure ordering of the orbits. We provide invariants which are easy to compute and which enable us to decide whether or not one Novikov algebra degenerates to another Novikov algebra.

1. Introduction

Consider the variety of K-algebra structures on a given n-dimensional vector space over a field K. Then the group $GL_n(K)$ acts on these structures, and it is interesting to study the orbit closures with respect to the Zariski topology. If a structure representing a K-algebra B is contained in the orbit closure of a structure representing a K-algebra A, then it is said that A degenerates to B. This is denoted by $A \to_{\text{deg}} B$ or $B \in \overline{O(A)}$. Degenerations have been first studied for Lie algebras. There are many articles on this subject, see for example [14] and the references cited therein. The motivation here came from physics, where Lie algebra degenerations have been studied for the special case of contractions, which are limiting processes between Lie algebras [17],[12]. For example, classical mechanics is a limiting case of quantum mechanics as $\hbar \to 0$, described by a contraction of the Heisenberg-Weyl Lie algebra to the abelian Lie algebra of the same dimension. Degenerations have been also studied for other types of algebras, among them commutative algebras, associative algebras, Leibniz algebras [11], [16], pre-Lie algebras and Novikov algebras [7]. The latter algebras have interesting applications in operad theory, gemoetry and physics, see [6], [2], [9].

In [7] we have obtained a classification of orbit closures in the variety $\mathcal{N}ov_2$ of complex, 2-dimensional Novikov algebras. In this article we extend this classification to dimension three. Unfortunately the complexity then is much greater than in dimension two. Both authors have done the classification independently, using different methods. In the end, our results coincide. For the first author the classification is part of his thesis [3].

To succeed in the classification, one needs effective invariants in order to decide whether or not a certain degeneration exists. This can always be decided in principle. A general result of Popov [15] implies that there exists an algorithm to decide whether or not one orbit lies in the orbit closure of another orbit. However this algorithm is not very efficient, and the calculations involved are not feasable, not even in dimension two. Therefore we need to provide elementary invariants which are easy to compute. Fortunately we have found very effective invariants. Nevertheless, for some cases we have to give additional arguments, such as special applications of Borel's closed orbit lemma [4], [13], or studying left and right annihilators under degeneration.

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2. The variety of Novikov algebras and degenerations

Novikov algebras are a special class of pre-Lie algebras. For more background on these algebras see [6] and the references given therein. The definition is as follows:

Definition 2.1. A K-algebra A together with a bilinear product $(x, y) \mapsto x \cdot y$ is called a *Novikov algebra*, if the identities

$$(1) (x \cdot y) \cdot z - x \cdot (y \cdot z) = (y \cdot x) \cdot z - y \cdot (x \cdot z)$$

$$(2) (x \cdot y) \cdot z = (x \cdot z) \cdot y$$

hold for all $x, y, z \in A$.

Denote by L(x) the left multiplications, and by R(x) the right multiplications. A Novikov algebra A is called complete, if all linear operators R(x) are nilpotent. The commutator $[x,y] = x \cdot y - y \cdot x$ defines a Lie bracket. We denote the associated Lie algebra by \mathfrak{g}_A . Let V be a vector space of dimension n over K. Fix a basis (e_1, \ldots, e_n) of V. If $(x,y) \mapsto x \cdot y$ is a Novikov algebra product on V with $e_i \cdot e_j = \sum_{k=1}^n c_{ij}^k e_k$, then $(c_{ij}^k) \in K^{n^3}$ is called a Novikov algebra structure on V. These structures are points of the variety of Novikov algebra structures. Here variety means that this is an affine algebraic set. Indeed, the Novikov identities are given by polynomials in the structure constants c_{ij}^k .

Definition 2.2. Denote by $\mathcal{N}ov_n(K)$ the set of all Novikov algebra structures on an n-dimensional vector space V over K. This set is called the variety of Novikov algebra structures.

The general linear group $GL_n(K)$ acts on $\mathcal{N}ov_n(K)$ by

$$(g \circ \mu)(x, y) = g(\mu(g^{-1}x, g^{-1}y))$$

for $g \in GL_n(K)$ and $x, y \in V$. Denote by $O(\mu)$ the orbit of μ under this action, and by $\overline{O(\mu)}$ the closure of the orbit with respect to the Zariski topology. Recall the following notations from [7]:

Definition 2.3. Let A and B be two n-dimensional Novikov algebras. The algebra A degenerates to the algebra B, if the algebra B is represented by a structure $\mu \in \mathcal{N}ov_n(K)$ which lies in the Zariski closure $\overline{O(\lambda)}$ of the $GL_n(K)$ -orbit of some structure $\lambda \in \mathcal{N}ov_n(K)$ which represents A. We write $A \to_{\text{deg}} B$.

We also use the notations O(A) and $\overline{O(A)}$ for the orbit and its closure of a structure $\lambda \in \mathcal{N}ov_n(K)$ representing A.

Definition 2.4. Let A and B be two n-dimensional Novikov algebras. We say that a degeneration $A \to_{\text{deg}} B$ is proper, if $B \in \partial O(A) = \overline{O(A)} \setminus O(A)$, i.e., if A and B are not isomorphic.

The process of degeneration in $\mathcal{N}ov_n(K)$ defines a partial order on the orbit space of n-dimensional Novikov algebra structures, given by $O(B) \leq O(A) \iff B \in \overline{O(A)}$. We write $O(B) < O(A) \iff B \in \partial O(A)$. In particular this relation is transitive: If $A \to_{\text{deg}} B$ and $B \to_{\text{deg}} C$, then $A \to_{\text{deg}} C$.

Definition 2.5. A degeneration $A \to_{\text{deg}} B$ is called *essential*, if it cannot be obtained by transitivity.

Some authors use a slighly more imaginative expression. In [10], O(C) is called a *child* of O(A) if O(C) < O(A) and there is no algebra B such that O(C) < O(B) < O(A).

We can represent the degenerations with respect to the partial order in a diagram: order the Novikov algebras by the dimension of its derivation algebra, in each row the algebras with the same dimension, on top the ones with the lowest derivation dimension. Recall that if $A \to_{\text{deg}} B$ is a proper degeneration of two n-dimensional Novikov algebras then dim Der(A) < dim Der(B), see [7]. Draw a directed arrow between two algebras A and B, if A degenerates to B. Arrows following from transitivity may be omitted.

Definition 2.6. The diagram described above is called the *Hasse diagram* of degenerations in $\mathcal{N}ov_n(K)$. It shows the classification of orbit closures.

Of course, we can also give Hasse diagrams for subclasses of n-dimensional Novikov algebras. This is very reasonable to do, because the Hasse diagram for the whole variety, even in dimension 3, will be too complicated. We recall the following result from [7] concerning the construction of degenerations.

Lemma 2.7. Every degeneration $A \to_{\text{deg}} B$ of complex Novikov algebras can be realized by a sequential contraction $\lim_{t\to 0} g_t \circ \lambda = \mu$ with $g_t \in GL_n(\mathbb{C})$, λ representing A, μ representing B.

For two given Novikov algebras A and B we want to decide whether A degenerates to B or not. If the answer is yes, then we can find a matrix $g_t \in GL_n(\mathbb{C}(t))$ realizing such a degeneration. Otherwise we will give an argument to show that such a degeneration is impossible. This can be done by providing invariants for the whole orbit of the given algebra, and hence also for its Zariski closure. We list the invariants which we will need. For more details and proofs see [7]. Let A be a Novikov algebra, and choose $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$. The generalized trace invariants $c_{i,j}(A)$ and $d_{i,j}(A)$, if they exist, are given by the equations

$$c_{i,j}(A) \cdot \operatorname{tr}(L(x)^{i}L(y)^{j}) = \operatorname{tr}(L(x)^{i}) \cdot \operatorname{tr}(L(y)^{j}),$$

$$d_{i,j}(A) \cdot \operatorname{tr}(R(x)^{i}R(y)^{j}) = \operatorname{tr}(R(x)^{i}) \cdot \operatorname{tr}(R(y)^{j}).$$

They can be defined by the quotient, if the equations hold for all $x, y \in A$ and the denominator is different from the zero polynomial in the structure constants.

Lemma 2.8. Suppose that A degenerates to B and both $c_{i,j}(A)$ and $c_{i,j}(B)$ exist. Then it follows $c_{i,j}(A) = c_{i,j}(B)$. The same applies for $d_{i,j}(A)$ and $d_{i,j}(B)$.

By an operator identity in L(x) and R(x) for A we mean a polynomial $T(x) \in \text{End}(A)$ in L(x) and R(x), which is zero for all $x \in A$. For example, if A is commutative, then the operator T(x) = L(x) - R(x) satisfies T(x) = 0 for all $x \in A$.

Lemma 2.9. Suppose that A degenerates to B and T(x) = 0 for all $x \in A$. Then it follows T(x) = 0 for all $x \in B$.

This lemma will be used to show the impossibility of certain degenerations. Suppose A and B are two Novikov algebras in $\mathcal{N}ov_n(K)$, and A satisfies such a polynomial operator identity T(x) = 0, but B does not. Then A cannot degenerate to B. Sometimes it is easy to find such polynomials. If A is complete, we may take $T(x) = R(x)^n$. Hence $A \to_{\text{deg}} B$ implies that B is also complete in this case. It is also easy to see that zero trace or zero determinant of such operators is preserved under degeneration.

In order to find interesting operator polynomials it is useful to realize that the following polynomial is zero for *all* Novikov algebras.

Lemma 2.10. Let A be a Novikov algebra. Then the following operator identity holds.

$$[R(x), [R(x), L(x)]] = L(x)R(x)^{2} - 2R(x)L(x)R(x) + R(x)^{2}L(x)$$

= 0.

Proof. From (1) we obtain the operator identity $[R(x), L(x)] = R(x)^2 - R(x \cdot x)$. By (2) we have [R(x), R(y)] = 0. Hence it follows $[R(x), [R(x), L(x)]] = [R(x), R(x)^2] - [R(x), R(x \cdot x)] = 0$. \square

Given a Novikov algebra (A, \cdot) we have defined the associated Lie algebra \mathfrak{g}_A by $[x, y] = x \cdot y - y \cdot x$. We can also associate a commutative algebra J_A by $x \circ y = x \cdot y + y \cdot x$. This algebra however may not be associative in general. If it is, then it is again a Novikov algebra. The following result is easy to show, see [7]:

Lemma 2.11. If $A \to_{\text{deg}} B$ then $\mathfrak{g}_A \to_{\text{deg}} \mathfrak{g}_B$ and $J_A \to_{\text{deg}} J_B$.

Definition 2.12. Let $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$ and define $\mathrm{Der}_{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)}(A)$ to be the space of all $D \in \mathrm{End}(A)$ satisfying

$$\alpha D(x \cdot y) = \beta D(x) \cdot y + \gamma x \cdot D(y)$$

for all $x, y \in A$. We call the elements $D \in \text{Der}_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}(A)$ sometimes (α, β, γ) -derivations.

For $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = (1, 1, 1)$ we obtain the usual derivation algebra Der(A).

Lemma 2.13. If $A \to_{\text{deg}} B$, then $\dim \text{Der}_{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)}(A) \leq \dim \text{Der}_{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)}(B)$ for all $\alpha,\beta,\gamma \in \mathbb{C}$. For $(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)=(1,1,1)$ it follows even $\dim \text{Der}(A) < \dim \text{Der}(B)$.

Definition 2.14. Denote the left and right annihilator of A by

$$\mathcal{L}(A) = \{ x \in A \mid x \cdot A = 0 \},\$$

 $\mathcal{R}(A) = \{ x \in A \mid A \cdot x = 0 \}.$

We have the following result.

Lemma 2.15. If $A \rightarrow_{\text{deg}} B$ then

$$\dim A \cdot A \ge \dim B \cdot B$$

 $\dim \mathcal{L}(A) \le \dim \mathcal{L}(B)$
 $\dim \mathcal{R}(A) \le \dim \mathcal{R}(B)$

3. Classification of 3-dimensional Novikov algebras

A classification of complex 3-dimensional Novikov algebras can be found in [1]. However it is not best suited for the purpose of classifying its degenerations. For this reason we have done an independent classification which is more adapted to degenerations. More precisely, we first fix a complex 3-dimensional Lie algebra and then classify all Novikov algebras having this Lie algebra as associated Lie algebra. This is useful since the Novikov algebra degenerations are a refinement of the associated Lie algebra degenerations. Secondly, we decrease the number of different families of Novikov algebras by realizing several algebras as special cases of one family of algebras. For details on the method of our classification see [8]. It should be mentioned that our classification is equivalent with the one given in [1]. We can give an explicit correspondence. Since the associated Lie algebra of a Novikov algebra must be solvable [5], we start with Jacobsons list of complex 3-dimensional, solvable Lie algebras:

${\mathfrak g}$	Lie brackets	$\dim \operatorname{Der}(\mathfrak{g})$
\mathbb{C}^3	1	9
$\mathfrak{n}_3(\mathbb{C})$	$[e_1, e_2] = e_3$	6
$\mathfrak{r}_2(\mathbb{C})\oplus\mathbb{C}$	$[e_1, e_2] = e_2$	4
$\mathfrak{r}_3(\mathbb{C})$	$[e_1, e_2] = e_2, [e_1, e_3] = e_2 + e_3$	4
$\mathfrak{r}_{3,\lambda}(\mathbb{C})$	$[e_1, e_2] = e_2, [e_1, e_3] = \lambda e_3$	$4, \lambda \neq 1$
$\lambda \neq 0$		$6, \lambda = 1$

Among the family $\mathfrak{r}_{3,\lambda}(\mathbb{C})$ we still have isomorphisms. In fact, $\mathfrak{r}_{3,\lambda}(\mathbb{C}) \cong \mathfrak{r}_{3,\overline{\lambda}}(\mathbb{C})$ if and only if $\overline{\lambda} = \lambda^{-1}$ or $\overline{\lambda} = \lambda$. We could restrict the parameter $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}^{\times}$ accordingly in order to avoid repetitions. It will be more convenient however, to write just $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}^{\times}$, and keep in mind the above isomorphisms. Here is our list of complex 3-dimensional Novikov algebras:

A	Products	$\frac{\mathfrak{g}_A}{\mathbb{C}^3}$
A_1	_	•
A_2	$e_3 \cdot e_3 = e_3.$	\mathbb{C}_3
$\overline{A_3}$	$e_2 \cdot e_2 = e_2, \ e_3 \cdot e_3 = e_3.$	\mathbb{C}^3
A_4	$e_1 \cdot e_1 = e_1, \ e_2 \cdot e_2 = e_2, \ e_3 \cdot e_3 = e_3.$	\mathbb{C}_3
A_5	$e_2 \cdot e_2 = e_1.$	\mathbb{C}_3
A_6	$e_2 \cdot e_2 = e_1, \ e_3 \cdot e_3 = e_3.$	\mathbb{C}^3
A_7	$e_1 \cdot e_2 = e_1, \ e_2 \cdot e_1 = e_1, \ e_2 \cdot e_2 = e_2.$	\mathbb{C}_3
A_8	$e_1 \cdot e_2 = e_1, \ e_2 \cdot e_1 = e_1, \ e_2 \cdot e_2 = e_2, \ e_3 \cdot e_3 = e_3.$	\mathbb{C}_3
A_9	$e_2 \cdot e_3 = e_1, \ e_3 \cdot e_2 = e_1.$	\mathbb{C}^3
A_{10}	$e_2 \cdot e_3 = e_1, \ e_3 \cdot e_2 = e_1, \ e_3 \cdot e_3 = e_2.$	\mathbb{C}_3
A_{11}	$e_1 \cdot e_3 = e_1, \ e_2 \cdot e_3 = e_2, \ e_3 \cdot e_1 = e_1,$	\mathbb{C}^3
	$e_3 \cdot e_2 = e_2, \ e_3 \cdot e_3 = e_3.$	
A_{12}	$e_1 \cdot e_3 = e_1, \ e_2 \cdot e_2 = e_1, \ e_2 \cdot e_3 = e_2,$	\mathbb{C}_3
	$e_3 \cdot e_1 = e_1, \ e_3 \cdot e_2 = e_2, \ e_3 \cdot e_3 = e_3.$	
B_1	$e_1 \cdot e_1 = e_1, \ e_1 \cdot e_2 = e_2 + e_3,$	$\mathfrak{n}_3(\mathbb{C})$
	$e_1 \cdot e_3 = e_3, \ e_2 \cdot e_1 = e_2, \ e_3 \cdot e_1 = e_3.$	
B_2	$e_1 \cdot e_1 = e_1, \ e_1 \cdot e_2 = e_2 + e_3, \ e_1 \cdot e_3 = e_3,$	$\mathfrak{n}_3(\mathbb{C})$
	$e_2 \cdot e_1 = e_2, \ e_2 \cdot e_2 = e_3, \ e_3 \cdot e_1 = e_3.$	(=)
B_3	$e_1 \cdot e_2 = \frac{1}{2}e_3, \ e_2 \cdot e_1 = -\frac{1}{2}e_3, \ e_2 \cdot e_2 = e_3.$	$\mathfrak{n}_3(\mathbb{C})$
$B_4(\alpha)$	$e_1 \cdot e_2 = \alpha e_3, \ e_2 \cdot e_1 = (\alpha - 1)e_3, \ e_2 \cdot e_2 = e_1.$	$\mathfrak{n}_3(\mathbb{C})$
$B_5(\beta)$	$e_1 \cdot e_2 = \beta e_3, \ e_2 \cdot e_1 = (\beta - 1)e_3.$	$\mathfrak{n}_3(\mathbb{C})$
C_1	$e_1 \cdot e_1 = -e_1 + e_2, \ e_2 \cdot e_1 = -e_2, \ e_3 \cdot e_3 = e_3.$	$\mathfrak{r}_2(\mathbb{C})\oplus\mathbb{C}$
C_2	$e_1 \cdot e_1 = -e_1 + e_2, \ e_1 \cdot e_3 = -e_3,$	$\mathfrak{r}_2(\mathbb{C})\oplus\mathbb{C}$
	$e_2 \cdot e_1 = -e_2, \ e_3 \cdot e_1 = -e_3.$	
C_3	$e_1 \cdot e_1 = -e_1 + e_2, \ e_2 \cdot e_1 = -e_2.$	$\mathfrak{r}_2(\mathbb{C})\oplus\mathbb{C}$
C_4	$e_1 \cdot e_1 = e_3, \ e_1 \cdot e_2 = e_2.$	$\mathfrak{r}_2(\mathbb{C})\oplus\mathbb{C}$
$C_5(\alpha)$	$e_1 \cdot e_1 = \alpha e_1, \ e_1 \cdot e_2 = (\alpha + 1)e_2, \ e_2 \cdot e_1 = \alpha e_2.$	$\mathfrak{r}_2(\mathbb{C})\oplus\mathbb{C}$
$C_6(\beta)$	$e_1 \cdot e_1 = \beta e_1, \ e_1 \cdot e_2 = (\beta + 1)e_2,$	$\mathfrak{r}_2(\mathbb{C})\oplus\mathbb{C}$
	$e_2 \cdot e_1 = \beta e_2, \ e_3 \cdot e_3 = e_3.$	

A	Products	\mathfrak{g}_A
$C_7(\gamma)$	$e_1 \cdot e_1 = \gamma e_1, \ e_1 \cdot e_2 = (\gamma + 1)e_2,$	$rac{ \mathfrak{g}_A}{\mathfrak{r}_2(\mathbb{C}) \oplus \mathbb{C}}$
$\gamma \neq 0$	$e_1 \cdot e_3 = \gamma e_3, \ e_2 \cdot e_1 = \gamma e_2, \ e_3 \cdot e_1 = \gamma e_3.$	
D_1	$e_1 \cdot e_1 = -e_1 + e_3, \ e_1 \cdot e_3 = e_2,$	$\mathfrak{r}_3(\mathbb{C})$
	$e_2 \cdot e_1 = -e_2, \ e_3 \cdot e_1 = -e_3.$	
$D_2(\alpha)$	$e_1 \cdot e_1 = \alpha e_1, \ e_1 \cdot e_2 = (\alpha + 1)e_2,$	$\mathfrak{r}_3(\mathbb{C})$
	$e_1 \cdot e_3 = e_2 + (\alpha + 1)e_3, \ e_2 \cdot e_1 = \alpha e_2,$	
	$e_3 \cdot e_1 = \alpha e_3$.	
$E_{1,\lambda}(\alpha)$	$e_1 \cdot e_1 = \alpha e_1, \ e_1 \cdot e_2 = (\alpha + 1)e_2,$	$\mathfrak{r}_{3,\lambda}(\mathbb{C})$
$\lambda \neq 0$	$e_1 \cdot e_3 = (\alpha + \lambda)e_3, \ e_2 \cdot e_1 = \alpha e_2,$	
	$e_3 \cdot e_1 = \alpha e_3$.	
$E_{2,\lambda}$	$e_1 \cdot e_1 = -e_1 + e_2, \ e_1 \cdot e_3 = (\lambda - 1)e_3,$	$\mathfrak{r}_{3,\lambda}(\mathbb{C})$
$\lambda \neq 0$	$e_2 \cdot e_1 = -e_2, \ e_3 \cdot e_1 = -e_3.$	
E_3	$e_1 \cdot e_1 = -\frac{1}{2}e_1 + e_3, \ e_1 \cdot e_2 = \frac{1}{2}e_2, \ e_1 \cdot e_3 = e_2,$	$\mathfrak{r}_{3,rac{1}{2}}(\mathbb{C})$
	$e_2 \cdot e_1 = -\frac{1}{2}e_2, \ e_3 \cdot e_1 = e_2 - \frac{1}{2}e_3.$	2
E_4	$e_1 \cdot e_1 = -e_1 + e_2, \ e_1 \cdot e_3 = -\frac{1}{2}e_3,$	$\mathfrak{r}_{3,\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbb{C})$
	$e_2 \cdot e_1 = -e_2, \ e_3 \cdot e_1 = -e_3, \ e_3 \cdot e_3 = e_2.$	2
$E_5(\beta)$	$e_1 \cdot e_1 = \beta e_1, \ e_1 \cdot e_2 = (\beta + 1)e_2,$	$\mathfrak{r}_{3,\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbb{C})$
	$e_1 \cdot e_3 = (\beta + \frac{1}{2})e_3, \ e_2 \cdot e_1 = \beta e_2,$	* <u>Z</u>
	$e_3 \cdot e_1 = \beta \tilde{e_3}, \ e_3 \cdot e_3 = e_2.$	
E_6	$e_1 \cdot e_1 = -\frac{1}{2}e_1, \ e_1 \cdot e_2 = \frac{1}{2}e_2,$	$\mathfrak{r}_{3,\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbb{C})$
	$e_1 \cdot e_3 = e_2, \ e_2 \cdot e_1 = -\frac{1}{2}e_2, \ e_3 \cdot e_1 = e_2 - \frac{1}{2}e_3.$	2

The isomorphisms in this list are as follows:

$$B_5(\beta) \simeq B_5(\overline{\beta})$$
 if and only if $\overline{\beta} = \beta$ or $\overline{\beta} = 1 - \beta$, $E_{1,\lambda}(\alpha) \simeq E_{1,\overline{\lambda}}(\overline{\alpha})$ if and only if $(\overline{\lambda}, \overline{\alpha}) = (\lambda, \alpha)$ or $(\overline{\lambda}, \overline{\alpha}) = (1/\lambda, \alpha/\lambda)$.

Sometimes we want to replace a given algebra by an isomorphic one. In particular we might replace $E_{1,\lambda}(-\lambda)$ by $E_{1,\frac{1}{\lambda}}(-1)$, and $B_5(1)$ by $B_5(0)$.

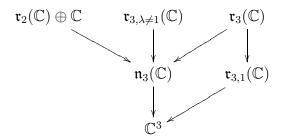
The following table shows the 3-dimensional Novikov algebras ordered by the dimension of its derivation algebra:

$\dim \operatorname{Der}(A)$	A
0	A_4
1	$A_3, A_8, B_2, C_1, C_6(\beta)_{\beta \neq -1}, E_3, E_4, E_5(\beta)_{\beta \neq -1}$
2	$A_6, A_7, A_{12}, B_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5(\alpha)_{\alpha \neq 0, -1}, C_6(-1), C_7(\gamma)_{\gamma \neq -1},$
	$D_1, D_2(\alpha)_{\alpha \neq -1}, E_{1,\lambda \neq 1}(\alpha)_{\alpha \neq -1,-\lambda}, E_{2,\lambda \neq 1}, E_5(-1), E_6$
3	$A_{10}, B_4(\alpha), C_5(0), C_5(-1), C_7(-1), D_2(-1), E_{1,\lambda\neq 1}(-1)$
4	$A_2, A_9, A_{11}, B_3, B_5(\beta)_{\beta \neq \frac{1}{2}}, E_{1,1}(\alpha)_{\alpha \neq -1}, E_{2,1}$
5	A_5
6	$B_5(\frac{1}{2}), E_{1,1}(-1)$
9	$\mid A_1 \mid$

Table 1. Dimension of derivation algebra

4. Classification of orbit closures in dimension 3

A degeneration $A \to_{\text{deg}} B$ of Novikov algebras induces a degeneration $\mathfrak{g}_A \to_{\text{deg}} \mathfrak{g}_B$ of their associated Lie algebras. The Hasse diagram of the 3-dimensional solvable Lie algebra degenerations is given as follows:



We denote the type of a Novikov algebra by one of the letters A, B, C, D, E_{λ} , according to its associated Lie algebra \mathbb{C}^3 , $\mathfrak{n}_3(\mathbb{C})$, $\mathfrak{r}_2(\mathbb{C}) \oplus \mathbb{C}$, $\mathfrak{r}_3(\mathbb{C})$, $\mathfrak{r}_{3,\lambda\neq 0}(\mathbb{C})$. All Novikov algebra degenerations in dimension 3 arise from the above Hasse diagram as a refinement. As an example, Novikov algebra degenerations among algebras of type A, symbolically denoted by $A \to_{\text{deg}} A$, refine the improper Lie algebra degeneration $\mathbb{C}^3 \to_{\text{deg}} \mathbb{C}^3$. Novikov algebra degenerations of type $B \to_{\text{deg}} A$ refine the degeneration $\mathfrak{n}_3(\mathbb{C}) \to_{\text{deg}} \mathbb{C}^3$, and so on. Altogether we obtain the following list of possible 13 types of Novikov algebra degenerations:

	type		type
1	$A \to_{\operatorname{deg}} A$	8	$C \to_{\operatorname{deg}} A$
2	$B \to_{\operatorname{deg}} B$	9	$E_{\lambda \neq 1} \to_{\text{deg}} B$
3	$C \to_{\operatorname{deg}} C$	10	$E_{\lambda} \to_{\mathrm{deg}} A$
4	$D \to_{\mathrm{deg}} D$	11	$D \to_{\mathrm{deg}} B$
5	$E_{\lambda} \to_{\mathrm{deg}} E_{\lambda}$	12	$D \to_{\mathrm{deg}} E_{\lambda=1}$
6	$C \to_{\operatorname{deg}} B$	13	$D \to_{\operatorname{deg}} A$
7	$B \to_{\operatorname{deg}} A$		

For all 13 types the procedure is as follows:

I: Determination of impossible degenerations of a given type by using suitable invariants.

II: Explicit construction of all essential degenerations which are not impossible by I.

The essential degenerations of all 13 types are listed in section 6. The matrices for a degeneration $A \to_{\text{deg}} B$ are chosen in such a way, that they directly yield the algebra B from the algebra A in the *given bases*, and not only a degeneration with isomorphic algebras.

The Hasse diagrams for all 13 cases are listed in section 5. The normal arrows are reserved for the new essential degenerations in the diagram, whereas dotted arrows are used for degenerations which have been given before. For them we omit sometimes the parameter restrictions, if the diagram becomes too complicated.

Proposition 4.1. The orbit closures for type $A \rightarrow_{\text{deg}} A$ are given as follows:

A	$\partial(O(A))$
A_1	_
A_2	A_1,A_5
A_3	$A_1, A_2, A_5, A_6, A_7, A_9, A_{10}$
A_4	$A_1, A_2, A_3, A_5, A_6, A_7, A_8, A_9, A_{10}, A_{11}, A_{12}$
A_5	A_1
A_6	$A_1, A_2, A_5, A_9, A_{10}$
A_7	A_1, A_5, A_9, A_{10}
A_8	$A_1, A_2, A_5, A_6, A_7, A_9, A_{10}, A_{11}, A_{12}$
A_9	A_1,A_5
A_{10}	A_1, A_5, A_9
A_{11}	A_1,A_5
A_{12}	$A_1, A_5, A_9, A_{10}, A_{11}$

Proof. The algebras A_1 to A_{12} are ordered according to their derivation algebra dimension in table 1. Degeneration arrows can only go downwards. The Hasse diagram for this type in section 5 shows the possible degenerations. For the essential degenerations the degeneration matrices are listed in section 6, from number 6.1 to number 6.17. For example, the degeneration $A_4 \rightarrow_{\text{deg}} A_3$ is obtained as follows. With $g_t^{-1} = \text{diag}(t, 1, 1)$ and $g_t = \text{diag}(t^{-1}, 1, 1)$ we define $(x \cdot y)_t = g_t(g_t^{-1}(x) \cdot g_t^{-1}(y))$ for $x, y \in A_4$. This yields Novikov algebra structures which lie in the orbit of A_4 . The algebra A_4 has the basis (e_1, e_2, e_3) with products $e_1 \cdot e_1 = e_1$, $e_2 \cdot e_2 = e_2$ and $e_3 \cdot e_3 = e_3$. It follows that $(e_1 \cdot e_1)_t = te_1$, $(e_2 \cdot e_2)_t = e_2$ and $(e_3 \cdot e_3)_t = e_3$. Taking the limit $t \to 0$ we obtain exactly the product for the algebra A_3 .

It remains to show that all other degenerations, which do not follow from the degenerations 1 to 17, are not possible. First, A_3 cannot degenerate to A_{12} or A_{11} , because of $\dim(A_3 \cdot A_3) = 2$ and $\dim(A_{12} \cdot A_{12}) = \dim(A_{11} \cdot A_{11}) = 3$ and lemma 2.15. For the same reason A_6 , A_7 and A_{10} cannot degenerate to A_{11} . Furthermore A_7 cannot degenerate to A_2 because $c_{1,1}(A_7) = 2$, but $c_{1,1}(A_2) = 1$, see lemma 2.8. Also A_{12} cannot degenerate to A_2 because $c_{1,1}(A_{12}) = 3$. Finally A_{10} cannot degenerate to A_2 because A_{10} is complete and A_2 is not. Here we may use lemma 2.9 with the operator polynomial $T(x) = R(x)^3$.

Proposition 4.2. The orbit closures for type $B \to_{\text{deg}} B$ are given as follows:

A	$\partial(O(A))$
B_1	$B_4(0), B_5(0)$
B_2	$B_1, B_3, B_4(\alpha), B_5(\beta)$
B_3	$B_5(\frac{1}{2})$
$B_4(\alpha)_{\alpha \neq \frac{1}{2}}$	$B_5(\alpha)_{\alpha\neq\frac{1}{2}}$
$B_4(\frac{1}{2})^{-2}$	$B_3, B_5(\frac{1}{2})$
$B_5(ilde{eta})$	

Proof. By table 1, B_1 can only degenerate to B_3 , $B_4(\alpha)$ or $B_5(\beta)$. Suppose that B_1 degenerates to an algebra $B_4(\alpha)$. Since B_1 satisfies the operator identity $T(x) = (R(x) - \frac{1}{3}\operatorname{tr}(R(x))\operatorname{id})^2 = 0$,

this must hold also for $B_4(\alpha)$. But this is true if and only if $\alpha = 0$. And indeed, there is a degeneration $B_1 \to_{\text{deg}} B_4(0)$, see 6.20.

The algebra B_1 cannot degenerate to B_3 . To see this we use lemma 2.7, and lemma 3.4 from [7]. We may assume that the matrix $g_t^{-1} = (f_{ij}(t))$ has upper-triangular form. For convenience we consider a new basis for B_1 by interchanging e_1 and e_3 from the old basis. Then the operators L(x) for B_1 are simultaneously upper-triangular as well, and it is easy to compute the orbit of B_1 via g_t and g_t^{-1} . In fact we obtain $(e_i \cdot e_j)_t = 0$ for $1 \le i, j \le 2$ and $(e_1 \cdot e_3)_t = f_{33}(t)e_1$, $(e_2 \cdot e_3)_t = f_{33}(t)e_2$. If not $\lim_{t\to 0} f_{33}(t) = 0$ then obviously dim $B \cdot B \ge 2$ for all algebras B in the obit closure of B_1 . In this case B_3 cannot lie in the orbit closure because of dim $(B_3 \cdot B_3) = 1$. However, in the other case with $\lim_{t\to 0} f_{33}(t) = 0$ all algebras B in the orbit closure satisfy dim $\mathcal{L}(B) \ge 2$, because then e_1 and e_2 are in the left annihilator. Also in this case B_3 cannot lie in the orbit closure since dim $\mathcal{L}(B_3) = 1$.

Suppose that B_1 degenerates to an algebra $B_5(\beta)$. We repeat the above argument. Since $\dim B_5(\beta) \cdot B_5(\beta) = 1$ for all β we may assume that $\lim_{t\to 0} f_{33}(t) = 0$. We have $\dim \mathcal{L}(B_5(\beta)) \geq 2$ if and only if $\beta = 0$ or $\beta = 1$. Hence B_1 can only degenerate to $B_5(0) \simeq B_5(1)$, which is indeed the case, see 6.20 and 6.21.

The algebra B_2 degenerates to every other algebra of class B. We have the degenerations $B_2 \to_{\text{deg}} B_1 \to_{\text{deg}} B_4(0) \to_{\text{deg}} B_5(0)$, see 6.18, 6.20, $B_2 \to_{\text{deg}} B_4(\alpha) \to_{\text{deg}} B_5(\alpha)$ for $\alpha \neq 0$, see 6.19 and $B_2 \to_{\text{deg}} B_4(\frac{1}{2}) \to_{\text{deg}} B_3$, see 6.22.

By table 1, B_3 can only degenerate to $B_5(\frac{1}{2})$. This is possible, see 6.23.

Suppose that $B_4(\alpha)$ degenerates to B_3 . Since dim $\operatorname{Der}_{(0,1,0)}(B_3) = 3$, but dim $\operatorname{Der}_{(0,1,0)}(B_4(0)) = 6$, $B_4(\alpha)$ cannot degenerate to B_3 for $\alpha = 0$ by lemma 2.13. It is also not possible for $\alpha = 1$, because dim $\operatorname{Der}_{(0,0,1)}(B_3) = 3$ and dim $\operatorname{Der}_{(0,0,1)}(B_4(1)) = 6$. Assume now $\alpha \neq 0, 1$. Then dim $\operatorname{Der}_{(0,1,\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha})}(B_3) = 3$ for $\alpha \neq \frac{1}{2}$ and dim $\operatorname{Der}_{(0,1,\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha})}(B_4(\alpha)) = 4$. This only leaves $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$, and there is a degeneration $B_4(\frac{1}{2}) \to_{\operatorname{deg}} B_3$, see 6.22. The same argument shows that $B_4(\alpha)$ degenerates to $B_5(\beta)$ if and only if $\alpha = \beta$ or $\alpha = 1 - \beta$. Note that for $\alpha, \beta \neq 0, 1$ we have dim $\operatorname{Der}_{(0,1,\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha})}(B_5(\beta)) = 3$, provided $\alpha \neq \beta, 1 - \beta, \frac{1}{2}$. There is a degeneration $B_4(\alpha) \to_{\operatorname{deg}} B_5(\alpha) \simeq B_5(1-\alpha)$, see 6.21.

Again using lemma 2.13 we see that $B_5(\beta)$ degenerates to $B_5(\frac{1}{2})$ only for $\beta = \frac{1}{2}$: for $\overline{\beta} \neq 1$ we have dim $\operatorname{Der}_{(1,\overline{\beta},1)}(B_5(\frac{1}{2})) = 3$, and dim $\operatorname{Der}_{(0,\frac{1-\beta}{\beta},1)}(B_5(\beta)) = 4$ for $\beta \neq 0,\frac{1}{2},1$. Moreover we have dim $\operatorname{Der}_{(1,0,1)}(B_5(0)) = 5$. Hence $B_5(1) \simeq B_5(0)$ cannot degenerate to $B_5(\frac{1}{2})$.

Proposition 4.3. The orbit closures for type $C \to_{\text{deg}} C$ are given as follows:

A	$\partial(O(A))$
C_1	$C_2, C_3, C_5(-1), C_6(-1), C_7(-1)$
C_2	$C_7(-1)$
C_3	$C_5(-1)$
C_4	$C_5(0)$
$C_5(\alpha)$	_
$C_6(\beta)_{\beta \neq 0}$	$C_5(\beta)_{\beta \neq 0}, C_7(\beta)_{\beta \neq 0}$
$C_{6}(0)$	$C_4, C_5(0)$
$C_7(\gamma)_{\gamma\neq 0}$	_

Proof. The algebra C_1 satisfies the operator identity $T(x) = L(x)^2 - L(x)R(x) = 0$. This identity holds in $C_5(\alpha)$, $C_6(\beta)$ or $C_7(\gamma)$ exactly for $\alpha = -1$, $\beta = -1$ or $\gamma = -1$. It does not hold for C_4 . Hence C_1 can only degenerate to $C_2, C_3, C_5(-1), C_6(-1)$ and $C_7(-1)$. Indeed, all of these degenerations exist, see 6.24 - 6.32 and the Hasse diagram in section 5.

The algebras C_2 and C_3 also satisfy the above operator identity, so that they only could degenerate to $C_5(-1)$ or $C_7(-1)$, see table 1. Since $d_{1,1}(C_2) = 3$, but $d_{1,1}(C_5(-1)) = 2$, C_2 cannot degenerate to $C_5(-1)$ by lemma 2.8. On the other hand, the degeneration $C_2 \to_{\text{deg}} C_7(-1)$ is possible, see 6.30. Since $d_{1,1}(C_3) = 2$, but $d_{1,1}(C_7(-1)) = 3$, only $C_3 \to_{\text{deg}} C_5(-1)$ remains. This is possible, see 6.31.

The algebra C_4 can only degenerate to $C_7(-1)$, $C_5(-1)$ or $C_5(0)$, see table 1. Since C_4 is complete, only the complete algebra $C_5(0)$ remains. Indeed, there is a degeneration $C_4 \to_{\text{deg}} C_5(0)$, see 6.32. For $\beta \neq 0$ consider the operator polynomial

$$T_{\beta}(x) = L(x)^2 - L(x)R(x) - \frac{\beta+1}{\beta}R(x)L(x) + \frac{\beta+1}{\beta}R(x)^2.$$

We have $T_{\alpha}(x) = 0$ for $C_5(\alpha)$ with $\alpha \neq 0$. This holds for $C_7(\gamma)$ if and only if $\gamma = \alpha$. The algebra $C_5(\alpha)$ with $\alpha \neq 0$, -1 can only degenerate to $C_7(-1)$, $C_5(-1)$ or $C_5(0)$, see table 1. None of these is possible because of the above operator identity. By table 1, there are no proper degenerations for $C_5(0)$ and $C_5(-1)$ within type C.

The algebra $C_6(\beta)$ degenerates to $C_5(\alpha)$ and to $C_7(\gamma)$ for $\alpha = \beta$ and $\gamma = \beta$, see 6.28, 6.29. We want to show that there are no degenerations possible if not $\alpha = \beta = \gamma$. For $\beta \neq 0$ this follows from the fact, that $C_6(\beta)$ satisfies $T_\beta(x) = 0$, $C_5(\alpha)$ satisfies this identity if and only if $\alpha = \beta$, and $C_7(\gamma)$ satisfies it if and only if $\gamma = \beta$. For $\beta = 0$ we consider the operator polynomial $T_0(x) = R(x)L(x) - R(x)^2$. In $C_6(0)$ we have $T_0(x) = 0$, and the only other algebras of type C satisfying this identity are C_4 , $C_5(0)$ and $C_7(0)$. However, for the family $C_7(\gamma)$ we have required $\gamma \neq 0$. The degenerations $C_6(0) \to_{\text{deg}} C_4 \to_{\text{deg}} C_5(0)$ are possible, see 6.27 and 6.32.

Proposition 4.4. The orbit closures for type $D \to_{\text{deg}} D$ are given as follows:

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
A & \partial(O(A)) \\
\hline
D_1 & D_2(-1) \\
D_2(\alpha) & -
\end{array}$$

Proof. By table 1, the algebra D_1 can only degenerate to $D_2(-1)$. This is possible, see 6.33. It remains to determine the $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ for which there is a degeneration $D_2(\alpha) \to_{\text{deg}} D_2(-1)$. We have $c_{i,j}(D_2(-1)) = 1$ for all $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$ and

$$c_{i,j}(D_2(\alpha)) = \frac{(\alpha^i + 2(\alpha+1)^i)(\alpha^j + 2(\alpha+1)^j)}{\alpha^{i+j} + 2(\alpha+1)^{i+j}}$$

in general. Comparing the invariants $c_{1,1}$ we obtain

$$\frac{(3\alpha+2)^2}{\alpha^2+2(\alpha+1)^2} = 1,$$

provided the denominator is nonzero. In this case we obtain $(\alpha + 1)(3\alpha + 1) = 0$. Using $c_{1,2}$ we see that $\alpha^2 + 2(\alpha + 1)^2 = 0$ and $\alpha = -\frac{1}{3}$ are both impossible. Hence we obtain $\alpha = -1$. \square

Proposition 4.5. The orbit closures for type $E_{\lambda} \to_{\text{deg}} E_{\lambda}$, $\lambda \neq 0$ are given as follows:

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} A & \partial(O(A)) \\ \hline E_{1,\lambda}(\alpha) & - \\ E_{2,\lambda} & E_{1,\lambda}(-1) \\ E_3 & E_{1,2}(-1), E_{2,2}, E_6 \\ E_4 & E_{1,\frac{1}{2}}(-1), E_{2,\frac{1}{2}}, E_5(-1) \\ E_5(\beta)_{\beta \neq -\frac{1}{2}, -1} & E_{1,\frac{1}{2}}(\beta)_{\beta \neq -\frac{1}{2}, -1} \\ E_5(-\frac{1}{2}) & E_{1,2}(-1), E_6 \\ E_{5}(-1) & E_{1,\frac{1}{2}}(-1) \\ E_6 & E_{1,2}(-1) \end{array}$$

Proof. For $\lambda=1$ the algebra $E_{1,\lambda}(\alpha)$ can only degenerate to $E_{1,1}(-1)$ by table 1. Since $c_{i,j}(E_{1,1}(\alpha))=c_{i,j}(D_2(\alpha))$ it follows $\alpha=-1$ as above. The case $\lambda=-1$ can be reduced to the case $\lambda=1$ because of $E_{1,-1}(\alpha)\simeq E_{1,1}(-\alpha)$. If $E_{1,\lambda}(\alpha)$ degenerates to $E_{1,\overline{\lambda}}(\overline{\alpha})$, then we obtain an associated Lie algebra degeneration $\mathfrak{r}_{3,\lambda}(\mathbb{C})\to\mathfrak{r}_{3,\overline{\lambda}}(\mathbb{C})$, see lemma 2.15, so that $\overline{\lambda}=\lambda$ or $\overline{\lambda}=\frac{1}{\lambda}$. For $\alpha\neq 0$ consider the operator polynomial

$$T_{\alpha,\lambda}(x) = L(x)^3 - L(x)^2 R(x) - \frac{\alpha + \lambda}{\alpha} L(x) R(x) L(x) - \frac{\alpha + 1}{\alpha} R(x) L(x)^2 + \frac{3\alpha + 2\lambda + 1}{\alpha} R(x) L(x) R(x) + \frac{\alpha + \lambda}{\alpha^2} R(x)^2 L(x) - \frac{(\alpha + \lambda)(\alpha + 1)}{\alpha^2} R(x)^3.$$

We have $T_{\alpha,\lambda}(x) = 0$ for $E_{1,\lambda}(\alpha)$. The identity holds for $E_{1,\overline{\lambda}}(\overline{\alpha})$ with $\overline{\alpha} \neq 0$ if and only if

$$0 = (\alpha - \overline{\alpha}\lambda)(\alpha - \overline{\alpha}),$$

$$0 = (\alpha \overline{\lambda} - \overline{\alpha}\lambda)(\alpha \overline{\lambda} - \overline{\alpha}).$$

As we have seen, either $\overline{\lambda}=\lambda$ or $\overline{\lambda}=\frac{1}{\lambda}$. Assume first $\overline{\lambda}=\lambda$. Then either $\overline{\alpha}=\alpha$ or $\lambda^2=1$. The cases $\lambda=\pm 1$ have been treated above. For $\overline{\lambda}=\frac{1}{\lambda}$ we obtain either $\overline{\alpha}=\alpha$ or $\overline{\alpha}=\frac{\alpha}{\lambda}$. The second case yields an isomorphic algebra since $E_{1/\lambda}(\alpha/\lambda)\simeq E_{1,\lambda}(\alpha)$. Together this shows that there is no proper degeneration $E_{1,\lambda}(\alpha)\to_{\deg} E_{1,\overline{\lambda}}(\overline{\alpha})$ for $\alpha,\overline{\alpha}\neq 0$. For $\alpha=0$ the same argument can be applied to the operator $T_{0,\lambda}(x)=R(x)L(x)-R(x)^2$, which is always zero for $E_{1,\lambda}(0)$, and zero for $E_{1,\overline{\lambda}}(\overline{\alpha})$ if and only if $\overline{\alpha}=0$.

The algebra $E_{2,\lambda}$ may degenerate to $E_{2,1}$ or $E_{1,\overline{\lambda}}(\alpha)$ by table 1. In the first case we obtain $\lambda = 1$ by lemma 2.15. For the second case consider the operator polynomial

$$S_{\lambda}(x) = L(x)^{3} - L(x)^{2}R(x) + (\lambda - 1)R(x)L(x)^{2} - (\lambda - 1)R(x)L(x)R(x).$$

We have $S_{\lambda}(x) = 0$ for $E_{2,\lambda}$. This identity holds for $E_{1,\overline{\lambda}}(\alpha)$ if and only if

$$0 = (\alpha \lambda + 1)(\alpha + 1),$$

$$0 = (\alpha \lambda + \overline{\lambda})(\alpha + \overline{\lambda}).$$

Again we have two cases, either $\overline{\lambda} = \lambda$ or $\overline{\lambda} = \frac{1}{\lambda}$. In the first case it follows $\alpha = -1$, and there is indeed a degeneration $E_{2,\lambda} \to_{\text{deg}} E_{1,\lambda}(-1)$, see 6.41. In the second case we obtain either $\alpha = -1$, $\lambda^2 = 1$, or $\alpha = -\frac{1}{\lambda}$. Since $E_{1,\frac{1}{\lambda}}(-\frac{1}{\lambda}) \simeq E_{1,\lambda}(-1)$ we are again back to the case $\alpha = -1$.

The algebra E_3 may degenerate to E_6 , $E_{2,\lambda}$, $E_5(-1)$ or $E_{1,\lambda}(\alpha)$ by table 1. Moreover, $\lambda = 2$ or $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$ by lemma 2.15. For E_3 we have

$$S_2(x) = T_{-\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}}(x) = L(x)^3 - L(x)^2 R(x) + R(x)L(x)^2 - R(x)L(x)R(x) = 0.$$

This identity holds for $E_{2,\lambda}$ if and only if $(\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 2) = 0$. It follows $\lambda = 2$, and indeed there is a degeneration $E_3 \to_{\text{deg}} E_{2,2}$, see 6.36. The identity $S_2(x) = 0$ holds for $E_{1,\lambda}(\alpha)$ if and only if

$$0 = (2\alpha + 1)(\alpha + 1),$$

$$0 = (2\alpha + \lambda)(\alpha + \lambda).$$

For $\lambda=2$ we obtain $\alpha=-1$, and indeed there is a degeneration $E_3 \to_{\deg} E_{2,2} \to_{\deg} E_{1,2}(-1)$. For $\lambda=\frac{1}{2}$ we obtain $\alpha=-\frac{1}{2}$, but as before we have $E_{1,\frac{1}{2}}(-\frac{1}{2})\simeq E_{1,2}(-1)$. Finally, the identity $S_2(x)=0$ holds for E_6 , but not for $E_5(-1)$. There is a degeneration $E_3 \to_{\deg} E_6$, see 6.35. The algebra E_4 may degenerate to E_6 , $E_{2,\lambda}$, $E_5(-1)$ or $E_{1,\lambda}(\alpha)$ by table 1. It satisfies the identity $T_{\alpha,\lambda}(x)=0$ with $(\alpha,\lambda)=(-1,\frac{1}{2})$. This identity holds for $E_5(-1)$ but not for E_6 . It holds for $E_{2,\lambda}$ if and only if $(2\lambda-1)(\lambda-1)=0$. Again $\lambda=1$ is impossible, but the degenerations $E_4 \to_{\deg} E_{2,\frac{1}{2}}$ and $E_4 \to_{\deg} E_5(-1)$ exist, see 6.37, 6.38. The identity holds for $E_{1,\lambda}(\alpha)$ if and only if

$$0 = (\alpha + 2)(\alpha + 1),$$

$$0 = (\alpha + 2\lambda)(\alpha + \lambda).$$

A discussion as above shows that the only possibility is a degeneration $E_4 \to_{\text{deg}} E_{1,\frac{1}{2}}(-1)$, which exists, see 6.38 and 6.39.

An algebra $E_5(\beta)$ may degenerate to E_6 , $E_{2,\lambda}$, $E_5(-1)$ or $E_{1,\lambda}(\alpha)$ by table 1, with $\lambda = 2$ or $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$. For $\beta = 0$ the algebra $E_5(0)$ is complete and therefore can only degenerate to $E_{1,\frac{1}{2}}(0)$, which is indeed the case, see 6.39. For $\beta \neq 0$ we have $T_{\alpha,\lambda}(x) = 0$ with $(\alpha,\lambda) = (\beta,\frac{1}{2})$. This identity holds for E_6 if and only if $\beta = -\frac{1}{2}$, and there exists a degeneration $E_5(-\frac{1}{2}) \to_{\text{deg}} E_6$, see 6.34. The identity is satisfied for $E_{2,\lambda}$ if and only if

$$0 = (2\beta + 1)(\beta + 1),$$

$$0 = (2\lambda\beta + 1)(\beta\lambda + 1).$$

For $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$ we obtain $\beta = -1$ or $\beta = -\frac{1}{2}$. However $\beta = -1$ is not possible because of table 1, and $\beta = -\frac{1}{2}$ is also not possible since $E_5(-\frac{1}{2})$ satisfies the identity

$$T(x) = L(x)^3 - L(x)R(x)L(x) + R(x)L(x)^2 - R(x)^2L(x) = 0,$$

whereas it does not hold for any algebra $E_{2,\lambda}$. For $\lambda = 2$ we obtain $\beta = -\frac{1}{2}$. Again $E_5(-\frac{1}{2})$ cannot degenerate to $E_{2,2}$, since $E_{2,2}$ does not satisfy the identity T(x) = 0. The identity $T_{\beta,\frac{1}{2}}(x) = 0$ holds for $E_{1,\lambda}(\alpha)$ if and only if

$$0 = (\alpha - \beta)(\alpha - 2\beta),$$

$$0 = (\alpha - \lambda\beta)(\alpha - 2\lambda\beta).$$

If $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$ then $\alpha = \beta$. If $\lambda = 2$ then $\alpha = \beta$ or $\alpha = 2\beta$. Therefore the only possible degeneration of $E_5(\beta)$ to $E_{1,\lambda}(\alpha)$ is $E_5(\beta) \to_{\text{deg}} E_{1,\frac{1}{2}}(\beta) \simeq E_{1,2}(2\beta)$, which indeed exists, see 6.39. Using again $T_{\beta,\frac{1}{2}}(x) = 0$ we see that $E_5(\beta)$ cannot degenerate to $E_5(-1)$ except for $\beta = -1$.

Finally E_6 may degenerate to an algebra $E_{1,\lambda}(-1)$ with $\lambda = 2$ or $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$. As we have seen above, E_6 satisfies the operator identity $S_2(x) = 0$. This holds for $E_{1,\lambda}(-1)$ if and only if

 $(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 1) = 0$. Hence we only can have a degeneration $E_6 \to_{\text{deg}} E_{1,2}(-1)$, which indeed exists, see 6.40.

Proposition 4.6. The orbit closures for type $C \to_{\text{deg}} B$ are given as follows:

A	$\partial(O(A))$
C_1	$B_3, B_4(\alpha), B_5(\alpha)$
C_2	$B_4(0), B_5(0)$
C_3	$B_4(1), B_5(0)$
C_4	$B_4(0), B_5(0)$
$C_5(\alpha)_{\alpha\neq 0,-\frac{1}{2},-1}$	$B_4(-\alpha), B_5(-\alpha), \alpha \neq 0, -\frac{1}{2}, -1.$
$C_{5}(0)^{-2}$	$B_{5}(0)$
$C_5(-\frac{1}{2})$	$B_3, B_4(\frac{1}{2}), B_5(\frac{1}{2})$
$C_5(-\bar{1})$	$B_5(0)$
$C_6(\beta)_{\beta \neq -1}$	$B_3, B_4(\beta), B_5(\beta)$
$C_6(-1)$	$B_{5}(0)$
$C_7(\gamma)_{\gamma \neq 0,-1}$	$B_4(0), B_5(0)$
$C_7(-1)$	$B_{5}(0)$

Proof. By table 1, C_1 may degenerate to B_1 , B_3 , $B_4(\alpha)$ or $B_5(\beta)$. Since $L(x)^2 - L(x)R(x) = 0$ in C_1 , but not in B_1 , there is no degeneration from C_1 to B_1 . There is a degeneration $C_1 \to_{\text{deg}} B_4(\alpha)$ for $\alpha \neq 0, 1$, see 6.45. This is also true for $\alpha = 0$ and $\alpha = 1$ by transitivity. We have $C_1 \to_{\text{deg}} C_3 \to_{\text{deg}} B_4(1)$, see 6.49, and $C_1 \to_{\text{deg}} C_2 \to_{\text{deg}} B_4(0)$, see 6.50. Moreover we have $C_1 \to_{\text{deg}} B_4(\frac{1}{2}) \to_{\text{deg}} B_3$ and $C_1 \to_{\text{deg}} B_4(\alpha) \to_{\text{deg}} B_5(\alpha)$.

The algebra C_2 may degenerate to B_3 , $B_4(\alpha)$ or $B_5(\beta)$ by table 1. It cannot degenerate to B_3 by exactly the same argument why B_1 cannot degenerate to B_3 , see proposition 4.2: all $B \in \overline{O(C_2)}$ either satisfy $\dim(B \cdot B) \geq 2$ or $\dim \mathcal{L}(B) \geq 2$. However we have $\dim B_3 \cdot B_3 = \dim \mathcal{L}(B_3) = 1$. Similarly C_2 degenerates to $B_5(\beta)$ if and only if $\beta = 0$ or $\beta = 1$. Since $(R(x) - \frac{1}{3}\operatorname{tr}(R(x))\operatorname{id})^2 = 0$ for C_2 , and this holds for $B_4(\alpha)$ if and only if $\alpha = 0$, it follows that C_2 only degenerates to $B_4(0)$ in this family. Similarly, C_2 cannot degenerate to $B_5(\beta)$ for $\beta \neq 0, 1$. We have $C_2 \to_{\deg} B_4(0) \to_{\deg} B_5(0)$, see 6.50.

The algebra C_3 satisfies dim $\mathcal{R}(C_3) = 2$. It can only degenerate to algebras B with dim $\mathcal{R}(B) \ge 2$, see lemma 2.15. Using table 1 we see that the only candidates are $B_4(1)$ and $B_5(0)$. We have $C_3 \to_{\text{deg}} B_4(1) \to_{\text{deg}} B_5(0)$, see 6.49.

The algebra C_4 satisfies dim $\mathcal{L}(C_4) = 2$. Among the algebras B_3 , $B_4(\alpha)$, $B_5(\beta)$ only $B_4(0)$ and $B_5(0)$ satisfy dim $\mathcal{L}(B) \geq 2$. In this case we have the degenerations $C_4 \to_{\text{deg}} B_4(0) \to_{\text{deg}} B_5(0)$, see 6.46.

Suppose that $C_5(\alpha)$ degenerates to $B_4(\overline{\alpha})$. We may assume that $\alpha \neq 0, -1$ by table 1. Then $\dim \operatorname{Der}_{(0,1,\frac{-\alpha}{1+\alpha})}(C_5(\alpha)) = 4$ and $\dim \operatorname{Der}_{(0,1,\frac{-\alpha}{1+\alpha})}(B_4(\overline{\alpha})) = 3$ for $\overline{\alpha} \neq 0, 1$ and $\alpha + \overline{\alpha} \neq 0$. This only leaves $\overline{\alpha} = -\alpha$ for $\alpha \neq 0, -1$, and indeed such a degeneration exists, see 6.47.

Suppose that $C_5(\alpha)$ degenerates to B_3 . Since dim $\operatorname{Der}_{(0,1,0)}(C_5(0)) = 6$ and dim $\operatorname{Der}_{(0,1,0)}(B_3) = 3$, we cannot have $\alpha = 0$. Also $\alpha = -1$ is impossible since dim $\operatorname{Der}_{(0,0,1)}(C_5(-1)) = 6$ and dim $\operatorname{Der}_{(0,0,1)}(B_3) = 3$. For the case $\alpha \neq 0, -1$ we have dim $\operatorname{Der}_{(0,1,\frac{-\alpha}{1+\alpha})}(C_5(\alpha)) = 4$ and dim $\operatorname{Der}_{(0,1,\frac{-\alpha}{1+\alpha})}(B_3) = 3$ if $\alpha \neq -\frac{1}{2}$. This only leaves $\alpha = -\frac{1}{2}$, and indeed there is a degeneration $C_5(-\frac{1}{2}) \to_{\operatorname{deg}} B_4(\frac{1}{2}) \to_{\operatorname{deg}} B_3$ by transitivity.

An algebra $C_5(\alpha)$ degenerates to an algebra $B_5(\beta)$ only if $\beta = -\alpha$ or $\beta = 1 + \alpha$, and a degeneration $C_5(\alpha) \to_{\text{deg}} B_4(-\alpha) \to_{\text{deg}} B_5(-\alpha) \simeq B_5(1+\alpha)$ is possible, see 6.47, 6.51 and 6.52. For $\alpha = 0$ and $\alpha = -1$ this follows again by using (0, 1, 0)-derivations and (0, 0, 1)-derivations as above. If $\alpha \neq 0, -\frac{1}{2}, -1$ we have dim $\text{Der}_{(0,1,\frac{-\alpha}{1+\alpha})}(B_5(\beta)) = 3$ for $\beta \neq 0, 1$ and $(\alpha + \beta)(\alpha + 1 - \beta) \neq 0$. Since this space has dimension 4 for $C_5(\alpha)$, this shows the claim except for $\alpha = -\frac{1}{2}$. We need to show that $C_5(-\frac{1}{2})$ degenerates to $B_5(\beta)$ if and only if $\beta = \frac{1}{2}$. A degeneration $C_5(-\frac{1}{2}) \to_{\text{deg}} B_5(\beta)$ implies a degeneration $J_{C_5(-\frac{1}{2})} \to_{\text{deg}} J_{B_5(\beta)}$ by lemma 2.11. We have $J_{C_5(-\frac{1}{2})} \simeq A_2$ and $J_{B_5(\beta)} \simeq A_9$ for $\beta \neq \frac{1}{2}$. Since A_2 cannot degenerate to A_9 , see table 1, the claim follows.

By table 1, $C_6(\beta)$ with $\beta \neq -1$ may degenerate to B_1 , $B_4(\alpha)$, B_3 or $B_5(\overline{\beta})$. For $\beta \neq 0$ consider the operator polynomial

$$T_{\beta}(x) = L(x)^{2} - L(x)R(x) - \frac{\beta+1}{\beta}R(x)L(x) + \frac{\beta+1}{\beta}R(x)^{2}.$$

It is zero for $C_6(\beta)$ but not for B_1 . This shows that $C_6(\beta)$ cannot degenerate to B_1 for $\beta \neq 0$. For $C_6(0)$ the operator $T(x) = R(x)L(x) - R(x)^2$ is zero, but not for B_1 . Hence $C_6(0)$ cannot degenerate to B_1 either. A degeneration $C_6(\beta) \to_{\text{deg}} B_4(\alpha) \to_{\text{deg}} B_5(\alpha)$ for $\beta \neq -1$ is possible, see 6.42 - 6.44. The algebra $C_6(-1)$ can only degenerate to $B_5(0) \simeq B_5(1)$ since dim $\text{Der}_{(1,1,0)}(C_6(-1)) = 5$, but the space of (1,1,0)-derivations for B_3 , $B_4(\alpha)$ and $B_5(\overline{\beta})$ with $\overline{\beta} \neq 0,1$ is only 3-dimensional. There is a degeneration $C_6(-1) \to_{\text{deg}} C_5(-1) \to_{\text{deg}} B_5(0)$ by transitivity and 6.52.

By table 1, $C_7(\gamma)$ with $\gamma \neq 0$, -1 may degenerate to B_3 , $B_4(\alpha)$ or $B_5(\beta)$. The same argument which we have used for C_2 shows that only $B_4(0)$ and $B_5(0)$ cannot be excluded. Indeed, there is a degeneration $C_7(\gamma) \to_{\text{deg}} B_4(0) \to_{\text{deg}} B_5(0)$ for $\gamma \neq 0$, -1, see 6.48. By definition $\gamma \neq 0$, but the case $\gamma = -1$ still has to be considered. We have dim $\text{Der}_{(1,1,0)}(C_7(-1)) = 5$, but dim $\text{Der}_{(1,1,0)}(B) = 3$ for all other algebras in question, except $B_5(0) \simeq B_5(1)$. There is a degeneration $C_7(-1) \to_{\text{deg}} B_5(0)$, see 6.53.

Proposition 4.7. The orbit closures for type $B \to_{\text{deg}} A$ are given as follows:

A	$\partial(O(A))$
B_1	A_1, A_5, A_{11}
B_2	$A_1, A_5, A_9, A_{10}, A_{11}, A_{12}$
B_3	A_1,A_5
$B_4(\alpha)$	A_1,A_5
$B_5(\beta)_{\beta \neq \frac{1}{2}}$	A_1,A_5
$B_5(\frac{1}{2})^2$	A_1

Proof. By table 1, B_1 can only degenerate to A_1 , A_2 , A_5 , A_9 , A_{10} or A_{11} . Since $c_{1,1}(B_1) = 3$ and $c_{1,1}(A_2) = 1$, B_1 cannot degenerate to A_2 . Also B_1 cannot degenerate to A_9 by the same argument which showed that B_1 cannot degenerate to B_3 . Then B_1 also cannot degenerate to A_{10} since $A_{10} \rightarrow_{\text{deg}} A_9$. On the other hand we have the degenerations $B_1 \rightarrow_{\text{deg}} A_{11} \rightarrow_{\text{deg}} A_5 \rightarrow_{\text{deg}} A_1$, see 6.55.

The algebra B_2 cannot degenerate to A_6 , A_7 and A_2 since $c_{1,1}(B_2) = 3$, $c_{1,1}(A_2) = c_{1,1}(A_6) = 1$, $c_{1,1}(A_7) = 2$. By table 1, only A_1 , A_5 , A_9 , A_{10} , A_{11} , A_{12} remain. These degenerations exist, by $B_2 \rightarrow_{\text{deg}} A_{12}$ and transitivity, see 6.54.

By table 1, B_3 can only degenerate to A_1 or A_5 . This is possible, see 6.56.

An algebra $B_4(\alpha)$ may degenerate to A_2 , A_9 , A_{11} , A_5 or A_1 , see table 1. Since all $B_4(\alpha)$ are complete, A_2 and A_{11} can be excluded. There is no degeneration to A_9 , since for $\alpha \neq 0, 1$, dim $\mathrm{Der}_{(0,1,\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha})}(B_4(\alpha)) = 4$ and dim $\mathrm{Der}_{(0,1,\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha})}(A_9) = 3$. For $\alpha = 0$ consider (0,1,0)-derivations and for $\alpha = 1$ consider (0,0,1)-derivations. The degenerations $B_4(\alpha) \to_{\deg} A_5 \to_{\deg} A_1$ are possible: for $\alpha \neq \frac{1}{2}$ we have $B_4(\alpha) \to_{\deg} B_5(\alpha) \to_{\deg} A_5$, see 6.57, and for $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ we have $B_4(\frac{1}{2}) \to_{\deg} B_3 \to_{\deg} A_5$, see 6.56.

The degenerations for $B_5(\beta)$ are given by table 1 and 6.57, 6.58.

Proposition 4.8. The orbit closures for type $C \to_{\text{deg}} A$ are given as follows:

A	$\partial(O(A))$
C_1	$A_1, A_2, A_5, A_6, A_9, A_{10}$
C_2	A_1, A_5
C_3	A_1, A_5
C_4	A_1, A_5
$C_5(\alpha)$	A_1, A_5
$C_6(\beta)_{\beta \neq -1}$	$A_1, A_2, A_5, A_6, A_9, A_{10}$
$C_6(-1)$	A_1, A_2, A_5
$C_7(\gamma)_{\gamma \neq 0}$	A_1, A_5

Proof. The algebra C_1 satisfies $\det(L(x)) = 0$. Hence it cannot degenerate to A_{11} or A_{12} , which do not satisfy this identity. Furthermore C_1 cannot degenerate to A_7 . To see this we may assume that the matrix $g_t^{-1} = (f_{ij}(t))$ has lower-triangular form. A direct computation of the orbit shows that $A \in \overline{O(C_1)}$ can only be commutative if $\lim_{t\to 0} f_{11}(t) = 0$. In this case all $A \in O(C_1)$ are either complete or satisfy $c_{1,1}(A) = 1$. Since A_7 is not complete and satisfies $c_{1,1}(A_7)=2$, it cannot lie in the orbit closure of C_1 . On the hand C_1 degenerates to A_6 , see 6.59 and hence to A_{10} , A_2 , A_9 , A_5 and A_1 by transitivity. By table 1 there are no other posibilities. The algebra C_2 can only degenerate to A_{10} , A_2 , A_9 , A_{11} , A_5 or A_1 , see table 1. Since $c_{1,1}(C_2)=2$ and $c_{1,1}(A_2) = 1$, $c_{1,1}(A_{11}) = 3$ we can exclude A_2 and A_{11} . C_2 cannot degenerate to A_9 by the same argument why C_2 cannot degenerate to B_3 , see proposition 4.6: all $A \in O(C_2)$ either satisfy $\dim(A \cdot A) \geq 2$ or $\dim \mathcal{L}(A) \geq 2$. However we have $\dim A_9 \cdot A_9 = \dim \mathcal{L}(A_9) = 1$. By transitivity, C_2 cannot degenerate to A_{10} . On the other hand we have $C_2 \to_{\text{deg}} B_5(0) \to_{\text{deg}} A_5$. The algebra C_3 has the same possible candidates for degeneration as C_2 , see table 1. Since $d_{1,1}(C_3) = 2$ and $d_{1,1}(A_2) = 1$, $d_{1,1}(A_{11}) = 3$ we can exclude A_2 and A_{11} . Since dim $\mathcal{R}(C_3) = 2$ and dim $\mathcal{R}(A_9) = \dim \mathcal{R}(A_{10}) = 1$, C_3 cannot degenerate to A_9 or A_{10} by lemma 2.15. By transitivity we have $C_3 \rightarrow_{\text{deg}} \rightarrow_{\text{deg}} B_5(0) \rightarrow_{\text{deg}} A_5$.

For C_4 it is again enough to exclude A_{10} , A_2 , A_9 , A_{11} , see table 1. Since C_4 is complete, A_2 and A_{11} are not possible. Since dim $\mathcal{L}(C_3) = 2$ and dim $\mathcal{L}(A_9) = \dim \mathcal{L}(A_{10}) = 1$, C_4 cannot degenerate to A_9 or A_{10} by lemma 2.15. By transitivity we have $C_4 \to_{\text{deg}} B_5(0) \to_{\text{deg}} A_5$. For an algebra $C_5(\alpha)$ it is again anough to exclude A_{10} , A_2 , A_9 , A_{11} . Since $C_5(0)$ is complete, it cannot degenerate to A_2 or A_{11} . Since $d_{1,1}(C_5(\alpha)) = 2$ for $\alpha \neq 0$, no algebra $C_5(\alpha)$ can degenerate to A_2 or A_{11} . We can also exclude A_9 , and hence A_{10} by considering $(0, 1, \frac{-\alpha}{100})$ -

degenerate to A_2 or A_{11} . We can also exclude A_9 , and hence A_{10} by considering $(0, 1, \frac{-\alpha}{1+\alpha})$ derivations, for $\alpha \neq 0, \frac{-1}{2}, -1$ as in the case of possible degenerations from $C_5(\alpha)$ to B_3 , see

proposition 4.6. For $\alpha=0$ we use (0,1,0)-derivations, and for $\alpha=-1$ we use (0,0,1)-derivations. For $\alpha=\frac{1}{2}$ we note that $J_{C_5(-\frac{1}{2})}\simeq A_2$ and $J_{A_9}\simeq A_9$, so that we can exclude a degeneration from $C_5(-\frac{1}{2})$ to A_9 by lemma 2.11. By transitivity we have $C_5(-\frac{1}{2})\to_{\text{deg}} B_3\to_{\text{deg}} A_5$ and $C_5(\alpha)\to_{\text{deg}} B_5(-\alpha)\to_{\text{deg}} A_5$ for $\alpha\neq-\frac{1}{2}$.

An algebra $C_6(\beta)$ cannot degenerate to A_7 by the same argument why C_1 cannot degenerate to A_7 . The space $\operatorname{Der}_{(0,1,\frac{-\beta}{\beta+1})}(C_6(\beta))$ is 1-dimensional for $\beta \neq 0, -1$ and 3-dimensional for $\beta = 0$. Since $\dim \operatorname{Der}_{(0,1,\frac{-\beta}{\beta+1})}(A_{11}) = 0$ for $\beta \neq -1$, no algebra $C_6(\beta)$ with $\beta \neq -1$ can degenerate to A_{11} , and hence to A_{12} . On the other hand, $C_6(\beta)$ degenerates to A_6 for $\beta \neq -1$, see 6.60, and hence to A_2 , A_{10} , A_9 , A_5 and A_1 . For $\beta = -1$, $C_6(-1)$ cannot degenerate to A_9 , A_{10} , A_{11} and A_{12} since $\dim \operatorname{Der}_{(1,1,0)}(C_6(-1)) = 5$ and the space of (1,1,0)-derivations for A_9,\ldots,A_{12} is only 3-dimensional. $C_6(-1)$ degenerates to A_2 , see 6.61, and hence to A_5 and A_1 .

An algebra $C_7(\gamma)$ cannot degenerate to A_2 , since $d_{1,1}(C_7(\gamma)) = 3$ and $d_{1,1}(A_2) = 1$. Because we have

$$c_{i,j}(C_7(\gamma)) = \frac{(2\gamma^i + (\gamma+1)^i)(2\gamma^j + (\gamma+1)^j)}{2\gamma^{i+j} + (\gamma+1)^{i+j}},$$

and $c_{i,j}(A_{11}) = 3$, there is no degeneration from $C_7(\gamma)$ to A_{11} . Suppose that an algebra $C_7(\gamma)$ degenerates to A_9 . We may assume that this is realized via $g_t^{-1} = (f_{ij}(t))$ having lower-triangular form. A direct computation of the orbit then shows that $A \in \overline{O(C_7(\gamma))}$ can only be commutative if $\lim_{t\to 0} f_{11}(t) = 0$. In this case all $A \in \overline{O(C_7(\gamma))}$ satisfy dim $\mathcal{L}(A) \geq 2$. Since this is not true for A_9 , the claim follows. By transitivity, $C_7(\gamma)$ cannot degenerate to A_{10} either. On the other hand $C_7(\gamma) \to_{\text{deg}} B_5(0) \to_{\text{deg}} A_5$.

Proposition 4.9. The orbit closures for type $E_{\lambda} \to_{\text{deg}} B$, $\lambda \neq 0, 1$ are given as follows:

A	$\partial(O(A))$
$E_{1,\lambda}(\alpha)_{\alpha\neq-1,-\lambda}$	$B_4(0), B_5(0)$
$E_{1,\lambda}(-1)$	$B_{5}(0)$
$E_{1,\lambda}(-\lambda) \simeq E_{1,\frac{1}{\lambda}}(-1)$	$B_{5}(0)$
$E_{2,\lambda}$	$B_4(0), B_5(0)$
E_3	$B_3, B_4(\alpha), B_5(\beta)$
E_4	$B_3, B_4(\alpha), B_5(\beta)$
$E_5(\beta)_{\beta \neq -\frac{1}{2},-1}$	$B_3, B_4(\alpha), B_5(\beta)$
$E_5(-\frac{1}{2})$	$B_3, B_5(\beta)$
$E_{5}(-1)$	$B_4(1), B_5(0)$
E_6	$B_3, B_5(\beta)$

Proof. By table 1, an algebra $E_{1,\lambda}(\alpha)$ can only degenerate to B_3 , $B_4(\overline{\alpha})$ or $B_5(\overline{\beta})$. For $\alpha = -1$ or $\lambda = -\alpha$ all algebras $B_4(\overline{\alpha})$ can be excluded. An algebra $E_{1,\lambda}(\alpha)$ satisfies the identity $T(x) = (R(x) - \frac{1}{3}\operatorname{tr}(R(x))\operatorname{id})^2 = 0$. Since $B_4(\alpha)$, $\alpha \neq 0$ do not satisfy it, only B_3 , $B_4(0)$ and $B_5(\overline{\beta})$ remain. There is a degeneration $E_{1,\lambda}(\alpha) \to_{\operatorname{deg}} B_4(0) \to_{\operatorname{deg}} B_5(0)$ for $(1-\lambda)(\alpha+1)(\alpha+\lambda) \neq 0$, see 6.72. For $\alpha = -1$ we have $E_{1,\lambda}(\alpha) \to_{\operatorname{deg}} B_5(0)$, see 6.73. An algebra $E_{1,\lambda}(\alpha)$ cannot degenerate to B_3 or $B_5(\overline{\beta})$ for $\overline{\beta} \neq 0$, 1. To see this we compute the orbit closure of $E_{1,\lambda}(\alpha)$ via a lower-triangular matrix $g_t^{-1} = (f_{ij}(t))$. Suppose that $B \in \overline{O(E_{1,\lambda}(\alpha))}$ satisfies $\dim(B \cdot B) = 1$. It follows that $\lim_{t\to 0} f_{11}(t) = 0$, so that the only possibly nonzero products in B are of the

form $e_1 \cdot e_1 = \alpha_1 e_2 + \alpha_2 e_3$, $e_1 \cdot e_2 = \alpha_3 e_3$. In particular, dim $\mathcal{L}(B) \geq 2$. This is not the case for B_3 and $B_5(\beta)$ with $\beta \neq 0, 1$. Hence only $B_5(0) \simeq B_5(1)$ lies in the orbit closure.

An algebra $E_{2,\lambda}$ can only degenerate to $B_4(0)$ and $B_5(0)$, and it does for $\lambda \neq 1$, see 6.70. The argument is the same as for $E_{1,\lambda}(\alpha)$. Also $E_{2,\lambda}$ satisfies T(x) = 0.

The algebra E_3 cannot degenerate to B_1 since $c_{2,2}(E_3) = 2$ and $c_{2,2}(B_1) = 3$. By table 1, E_3 can only degenerate to B_3 , $B_4(\alpha)$ or $B_5(\beta)$. All cases are possible, see 6.62 and 6.63 for $E_3 \rightarrow_{\text{deg}} B_4(\alpha) \rightarrow_{\text{deg}} B_5(\alpha)$, and $E_3 \rightarrow_{\text{deg}} B_4(\frac{1}{2}) \rightarrow_{\text{deg}} B_3$ by transitivity.

The algebra E_4 cannot degenerate to B_1 since $c_{1,1}(E_4) = \frac{9}{5}$ and $c_{1,1}(B_1) = 3$. On the other hand we have $E_4 \to_{\text{deg}} B_4(\alpha)$ for $\alpha \neq 0, 1$, see 6.65, $E_4 \to_{\text{deg}} B_4(0)$, see 6.64 and $E_4 \to_{\text{deg}} E_5(-1) \to_{\text{deg}} B_4(1)$, see 6.66.

An algebra $E_5(\beta)$ cannot degenerate to B_2 by table 1. It cannot degenerate to B_1 since $T_{\beta,\frac{1}{2}}(x)=0$ holds for $E_5(\beta)$ with $\beta \neq 0$, see proposition 4.5, but not for B_1 . If $\beta = 0$, then $E_5(0)$ is complete, but B_1 is not. Every algebra $E_5(\beta)$ with $\beta \neq -1$ degenerates to every algebra $B_5(\overline{\beta})$: for $\beta \neq -\frac{1}{2}$, -1 and $\overline{\beta} \neq 0$ we have $E_5(\beta) \to_{\text{deg}} B_4(\overline{\beta}) \to_{\text{deg}} B_5(\overline{\beta})$, see 6.66, and for $\overline{\beta} = 0$ we have $E_5(\beta) \to_{\text{deg}} E_{1,\frac{1}{2}}(\beta) \to_{\text{deg}} B_4(0) \to_{\text{deg}} B_5(0)$, see 6.72. For $\beta = -\frac{1}{2}$ we have $E_5(-\frac{1}{2}) \to E_6 \to B_5(\overline{\beta})$, see 6.68, 6.69. Together this shows that we have a degeneration $E_5(\beta) \to_{\text{deg}} B_5(\overline{\beta})$ for $\beta \neq -1$. It can also be given explicitly by

$$g_t^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} t^3 & 0 & 0\\ \frac{\overline{\beta}-1}{t} & t & 0\\ \frac{(\overline{\beta}-2-2\beta)(\overline{\beta}-1)}{(\beta+1)t^5} & \frac{2}{t^3} & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The algebra $E_5(-1)$ degenerates to $B_5(\overline{\beta})$ only for $\overline{\beta}(\overline{\beta}-1)=0$. To see this we consider another basis (e_1, e_2, e_3) for $E_5(-1)$, by interchanging e_2 and e_3 from the old basis. Then the left multiplication operators have simultaneous lower-triangular form. We compute the orbit closure of $E_5(-1)$ via a lower-triangular matrix $g_t^{-1} = (f_{ij}(t))$. Suppose that $B \in \overline{O(E_5(-1))}$ satisfies $\dim(B \cdot B) = 1$. It follows that $\lim_{t\to 0} f_{11}(t) = 0$, and the products in B are of the form $e_1 \cdot e_1 = \alpha_1 e_3$, $e_1 \cdot e_2 = \alpha_2 e_3$, $e_2 \cdot e_1 = \alpha_3 e_3$ and $e_2 \cdot e_2 = \alpha_4 e_3$, such that $\alpha_1 \alpha_4 = \alpha_2 \alpha_3$. Furthermore we assume that B is not commutative, which implies that $\alpha_2 - \alpha_3 \neq 0$. A direct computation now shows that such an algebra $B = B(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4)$ is isomorphic to $B_5(\beta)$ if and only if $\overline{\beta}(\overline{\beta}-1)=0$. We have indeed $E_5(-1)\to_{\text{deg}} B_4(1)\to_{\text{deg}} B_5(1)\simeq B_5(0)$, see 6.71. It follows that $E_5(-1)$ cannot degenerate to B_3 , because otherwise $E_5(-1) \to_{\text{deg}} B_3 \to_{\text{deg}} B_5(\frac{1}{2})$, which we just excluded. On the other hand $E_5(\beta)$ degenerates to B_3 for all $\beta \neq -1$: we have $E_5(\beta) \to_{\text{deg}} B_4(\frac{1}{2}) \to_{\text{deg}} B_3$ for $\beta \neq -\frac{1}{2} - 1$, see 6.66, and $E_5(-\frac{1}{2}) \to_{\text{deg}} E_6 \to_{\text{deg}} B_3$, see 6.67. We already saw that $E_5(\beta)$ degenerates to every $B_4(\alpha)$ for $\beta \neq -\frac{1}{2}, -1$. On the other hand $E_5(-\frac{1}{2})$ does not degenerate to any $B_4(\alpha)$: compute the orbit closure of $E_5(-\frac{1}{2})$ in the same way as for $E_5(-1)$ above. Assume that $B \in O(E_5(-\frac{1}{2}))$ satisfies $\dim(B \cdot B) < 3$. It follows that $\lim_{t\to 0} f_{11}(t) = 0$. In this case however it is obvious that $\dim(B \cdot B) \leq 1$ for all algebras in the orbit closure. Since dim $B_4(\alpha) \cdot B_4(\alpha) = 2$, the claim follows. For $\alpha \neq 0$ we could have used another argument. Since $E_5(-\frac{1}{2})$ satisfies the operator identity $T(x) = (R(x) - \frac{1}{3}\operatorname{tr}(R(x))\operatorname{id})^2 = 0$, but $B_4(\alpha)$ for $\alpha \neq 0$ does not, the claim follows again for $\alpha \neq 0$. Suppose that algebra $E_5(-1)$ degenerates to $B_4(\alpha)$. Then, by transitivity, it degenerates to $B_5(\alpha)$. As we have seen, this is only possible for $\alpha = 0, 1$. In fact, there is a degeneration $E_5(-1) \to_{\text{deg}} B_4(1)$, see 6.71. There is no degeneration $E_5(-1) \to_{\text{deg}} B_4(0)$: suppose that $B \in \overline{O(E_5(-1))}$ with dim $B \cdot B = 2$. Computing the orbit via a lower-triangular matrix $g_t^{-1} = (f_{ij}(t))$ as above, we see that $\lim_{t\to 0} f_{11}(t) = 0$ and the products in B are of the form $e_1 \cdot e_1 = \alpha_1 e_2 + \alpha_2 e_3$, $e_1 \cdot e_2 = \alpha_3 e_3$, $e_2 \cdot e_1 = \alpha_4 e_3$ and $e_2 \cdot e_2 = \alpha_5 e_3$ with $\alpha_1 \neq 0$. If B satisfies the operator identity T(x) = 0 as $B_4(0)$ does, then $\alpha_4 = \alpha_5 = 0$. In this case we have $\dim \mathcal{L}(B) \geq 2$, whereas $\dim \mathcal{L}(B_4(0)) = 1$. This shows the claim.

By table 1, the algebra E_6 can only degenerate to B_3 , $B_4(\alpha)$ or $B_5(\beta)$. By transitivity $B_4(\alpha)$ is not possible, because otherwise we would have a degeneration $E_5(-\frac{1}{2}) \to_{\text{deg}} E_6 \to_{\text{deg}} B_4(\alpha)$, which is impossible. There are degenerations $E_6 \to_{\text{deg}} B_3$ and $E_6 \to_{\text{deg}} B_5(\beta)$, see 6.67 and 6.68, 6.69.

Proposition 4.10. The orbit closures for type $E_{\lambda} \to_{\text{deg}} A$, $\lambda \neq 0$ are given as follows:

A	$\partial(O(A))$
$E_{1,\lambda}(\alpha)_{\alpha\neq-1}$	A_1, A_5
$E_{1,\lambda}(-1), \lambda \neq 1$	A_1, A_5
$E_{1,1}(-1)$	A_1
$E_{2,\lambda}$	A_1, A_5
E_3	A_1, A_5, A_9, A_{10}
E_4	A_1, A_5, A_9, A_{10}
$E_5(\beta)_{\beta \neq -\frac{1}{2},-1}$	A_1, A_5, A_9, A_{10}
$E_5(-\frac{1}{2})$	A_1, A_5, A_9
$E_5(-\bar{1})$	A_1, A_5
E_6	A_1, A_5, A_9

Proof. By table 1, an algebra $E_{1,\lambda}(\alpha)$ can only degenerate to A_{10} , A_2 , A_9 , A_{11} , A_5 or A_1 . We can exclude A_2 and A_{11} because $c_{i,j}(A_2) = 1$ and $c_{i,j}(A_{11}) = 3$ for all $i, j \geq 1$, whereas

$$c_{i,j}(E_{1,\lambda}(\alpha)) = \frac{(\alpha^i + (\alpha+1)^i + (\alpha+\lambda)^i)(\alpha^j + (\alpha+1)^j + (\alpha+\lambda)^j)}{\alpha^{i+j} + (\alpha+1)^{i+j} + (\alpha+\lambda)^{i+j}}.$$

Furthermore we can exclude A_9 and hence A_{10} by transitivity, because dim $Der_{(0,1,0)}(A_9) = 3$ and dim $Der_{(0,1,0)}(E_{1,\lambda}(\alpha)) = 6$. For $\lambda \neq 1$ we have $E_{1,\lambda}(\alpha) \to_{\text{deg}} B_5(0) \to_{\text{deg}} A_5 \to_{\text{deg}} A_1$. For $\lambda = 1$ and $\alpha \neq -1$ we have $E_{1,1}(\alpha) \to_{\text{deg}} A_5$, see 6.78. By table 1, $E_{1,1}(-1)$ can only degenerate to A_1 , which is of course possible, see 6.80.

By table 1, $E_{2,\lambda}$ can only degenerate to A_{10} , A_2 , A_9 , A_{11} , A_5 or A_1 . Because $c_{i,j}(E_{2,\lambda}) = c_{i,j}(E_{1,\lambda}(-1))$, we can exclude A_2 and A_{11} . We can also exclude A_9 , and hence A_{10} by the same argument why C_2 cannot degenerate to A_9 , see proposition 4.8. For $\lambda \neq 1$ we have $E_{2,\lambda} \to_{\text{deg}} B_5(0) \to_{\text{deg}} A_5 \to_{\text{deg}} A_1$. For $\lambda = 1$ we have $E_{2,1} \to_{\text{deg}} A_5$, see 6.79.

The algebra E_3 cannot degenerate to A_2 , A_6 , A_7 , A_{11} , A_{12} because of $c_{i,j}(A_2) = c_{i,j}(A_6) = 1$, $c_{i,j}(A_7) = 2$, $c_{i,j}(A_{11}) = c_{i,j}(A_{12}) = 3$ and

$$c_{i,j}(E_3) = \frac{((-1)^i + 1)((-1)^j + 1)}{(-1)^{i+j} + 1}.$$

By table 1, we can exclude A_3 , A_8 and A_6 . There are degenerations $E_3 \to_{\text{deg}} A_{10} \to_{\text{deg}} A_9 \to_{\text{deg}} A_5 \to_{\text{deg}} A_1$, see 6.74.

The algebra E_4 also degenerates to A_{10} , see 6.75, and hence to A_9 , A_5 and A_1 . The other

algebras are excluded by table 1 and the $c_{i,j}$ -invariants: we have

$$c_{i,j}(E_4) = \frac{(2^i + 1)(2^j + 1)}{2^{i+j} + 1}.$$

An algebra $E_5(\beta)$ can only degenerate A_{10} , A_9 , A_5 and A_1 . This follows from table 1 and the $c_{i,j}$ -invariants. We have

$$c_{i,j}(E_5(\beta)) = \frac{(\beta^i + (\beta+1)^i + (\beta+\frac{1}{2})^i)(\beta^j + (\beta+1)^j + (\beta+\frac{1}{2})^j)}{\beta^{i+j} + (\beta+1)^{i+j} + (\beta+\frac{1}{2})^{i+j}}.$$

For $\beta \neq -\frac{1}{2}$, -1 there is a degeneration $E_5(\beta) \to_{\text{deg}} A_{10}$, see 6.76, so that A_{10} , A_9 , A_5 and A_1 are in the orbit closure. For $\beta = -\frac{1}{2}$, the algebra $E_5(-\frac{1}{2})$ satisfies $(R(x) - \frac{1}{3}\operatorname{tr}(R(x))\operatorname{id})^2 = 0$, but A_{10} does not. Hence $E_5(-\frac{1}{2})$ does not degenerate to A_{10} . It degenerates however to A_9 , A_5 and A_1 by transitivity: $E_5(-\frac{1}{2}) \to_{\text{deg}} E_6 \to_{\text{deg}} A_9$, see 6.77. For $\beta = -1$, $E_5(-1)$ does not degenerate to A_9 : we use the same proof as in proposition 4.9 which showed that $E_5(-1)$ does not degenerate to an algebra $B_5(\beta)$ with $\beta(1-\beta) \neq 0$. An algebra $A \in \overline{O(E_5(-1))}$ satisfying $\dim(A \cdot A) = 1$ can be represented by products $e_1 \cdot e_1 = \alpha_1 e_3$, $e_1 \cdot e_2 = \alpha_2 e_3$, $e_2 \cdot e_1 = \alpha_3 e_3$ and $e_2 \cdot e_2 = \alpha_4 e_3$, such that $\alpha_1 \alpha_4 = \alpha_2 \alpha_3$. If we now assume that A is commutative, it follows $\alpha_3 = \alpha_2$ and $\alpha_1 \alpha_4 = \alpha_2^2$. It is easy to see that such an algebra cannot be isomorphic to A_9 . There is a degeneration $E_5(-1) \to_{\text{deg}} B_5(0) \to_{\text{deg}} A_5$.

By table 1, E_6 can only degenerate to A_{10} , A_2 , A_9 , A_{11} , A_5 and A_1 . We can exclude A_2 and A_{11} as before since $c_{i,j}(E_6) = c_{i,j}(E_3)$. Furthermore E_6 satisfies $(R(x) - \frac{1}{3}\operatorname{tr}(R(x))\operatorname{id})^2 = 0$, but A_{10} does not. Hence we may exclude A_{10} . There is a degeneration $E_6 \to_{\operatorname{deg}} A_9$, see 6.77. \square

Proposition 4.11. The orbit closures for type $D \rightarrow_{\text{deg}} B$ are given as follows:

$$\begin{array}{c|c} A & \partial(O(A)) \\ \hline D_1 & B_4(0), B_5(0) \\ D_2(\alpha)_{\alpha \neq -1} & B_4(0), B_5(0) \\ D_2(-1) & B_5(0) \\ \end{array}$$

Proof. By table 1, D_1 can only degenerate to B_3 , $B_4(\alpha)$ or $B_5(\beta)$. Since D_1 satisfies the operator identity $(R(x) - \frac{1}{3}\operatorname{tr}(R(x))\operatorname{id})^2 = 0$, but $B_4(\alpha)$ for $\alpha \neq 0$ does not, we can exclude $B_4(\alpha)$ for $\alpha \neq 0$. There is a degeneration $D_1 \to_{\operatorname{deg}} B_4(0) \to_{\operatorname{deg}} B_5(0)$, see 6.81. On the other hand, D_1 does not degenerate to B_3 or an algebra $B_5(\beta)$ with $\beta(1-\beta) \neq 0$. To see this, change the basis of D_1 by permuting e_2 and e_3 , and compute the orbit closure of D_1 via a lower-triangular matrix $g_t^{-1} = (f_{ij}(t))$. Suppose that $B \in \overline{O(D_1)}$ satisfies $\dim(B \cdot B) = 1$. It follows that $\lim_{t\to 0} f_{11}(t) = 0$ and $\dim \mathcal{L}(B) \geq 2$. Hence B cannot be isomorphic to B_3 or $B_5(\beta)$ with $\beta(1-\beta) \neq 0$, see proposition 4.2.

The same arguments show that an algebra $D_2(\alpha)$ with $\alpha \neq -1$ can only degenerate to $B_4(0)$ and $B_5(0)$. There is a degeneration $D_2(\alpha) \to_{\text{deg}} B_4(0)$ for $\alpha \neq -1$, see 6.82. By table 1, the algebra $D_2(-1)$ can only degenerate to B_3 or $B_5(\beta)$. Again the above argument shows that only $B_5(0) \simeq B_5(1)$ remains. There is a degeneration $D_2(-1) \to_{\text{deg}} B_5(0)$, see 6.83.

Proposition 4.12. The orbit closures for type $D \to_{\text{deg}} E_{\lambda=1}$ are given as follows:

$$\begin{array}{c|cc}
A & \partial(O(A)) \\
\hline
D_1 & E_{1,1}(-1), E_{2,1} \\
D_2(\alpha)_{\alpha \neq -1} & E_{1,1}(\alpha)_{\alpha \neq -1} \\
D_2(-1) & E_{1,1}(-1), E_{2,1}
\end{array}$$

Proof. The algebra D_1 satisfies the operator identity $T(x) = L(x)^3 - L(x)^2 R(x) = 0$. This identity holds for $E_{1,1}(\alpha)$ if and only if $\alpha = -1$. Hence D_1 cannot degenerate to $E_{1,1}(\alpha)$ for $\alpha \neq -1$. There are degenerations $D_1 \to_{\text{deg}} D_2(-1) \to_{\text{deg}} E_{2,1} \to_{\text{deg}} E_{1,1}(-1)$, see 6.85. A degeneration $D_2(\alpha) \to_{\text{deg}} E_{2,1}$ can only exist for $\alpha = -1$, since $D_2(\alpha)$ satisfies the operator identity $T_{\alpha}(x) = 0$ with

$$T_{\alpha}(x) = \alpha^{2} L(x)^{3} - \alpha^{2} L(x)^{2} R(x) - 2\alpha(\alpha + 1)R(x)L(x)^{2}$$

+ $2\alpha(\alpha + 1)R(x)L(x)R(x) + (\alpha + 1)^{2}R(x)^{2}L(x) - (\alpha + 1)^{2}R(x)^{3},$

whereas $E_{2,1}$ satisfies it if and only if $\alpha = -1$. There is a degeneration $D_2(\alpha) \to_{\text{deg}} E_{1,1}(\alpha)$ for every α , see 6.84.

Proposition 4.13. The orbit closures for type $D \rightarrow_{\text{deg}} A$ are given as follows:

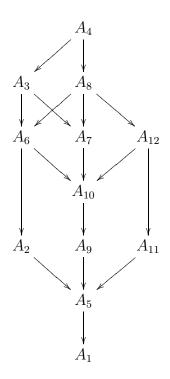
$$\begin{array}{c|c}
A & \partial(O(A)) \\
\hline
D_1 & A_1, A_5 \\
D_2(\alpha) & A_1, A_5
\end{array}$$

Proof. By table 1, D_1 can only degenerate to A_{10} , A_2 , A_9 , A_{11} , A_5 or A_1 . Since $c_{1,1}(D_1)=1$, $d_{1,1}(D_1)=3$, but $c_{1,1}(A_{11})=3$, $d_{1,1}(A_2)=1$, we can exclude A_2 and A_{11} . Furthermore D_1 cannot degenerate to A_9 , and hence not to A_{10} by transitivity. To see this, we use the argument of proposition 4.11. A commutative algebra $A \in \overline{O(D_1)}$ with $\dim(A \cdot A)=1$ can be represented by products of the form $e_1 \cdot e_1 = \alpha e_3$. It cannot be isomorphic to A_9 . There is a degeneration $D_1 \to_{\deg} B_5(0) \to_{\deg} A_5$.

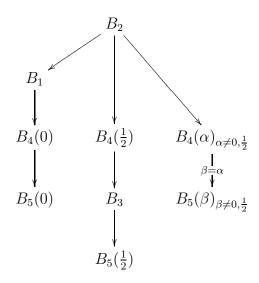
For an algebra $D_2(\alpha)$, exactly the same arguments yield the claim. There is a degeneration $D_2(\alpha) \to_{\text{deg}} B_5(0) \to_{\text{deg}} A_5$.

5. Hasse diagrams

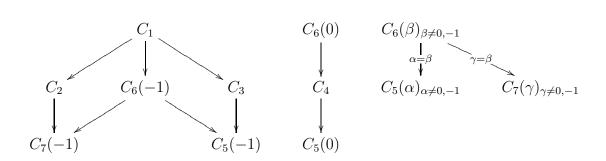
1.) Type $A \to_{\text{deg}} A$:



2.) Type $B \to_{\deg} B$:

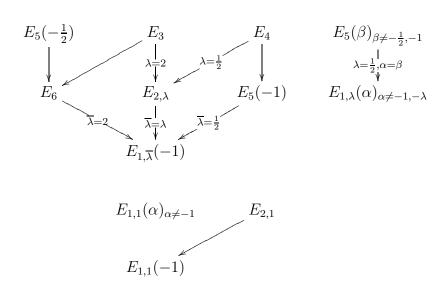


3.) Type $C \rightarrow_{\text{deg}} C$:

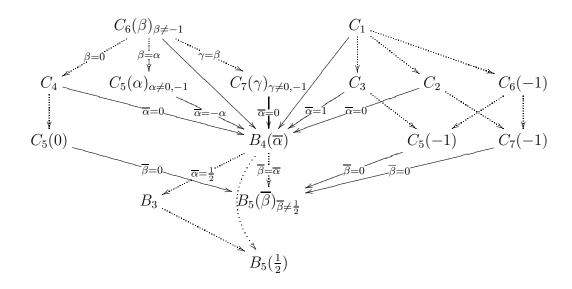


4.) Type $D \rightarrow_{\text{deg}} D$:

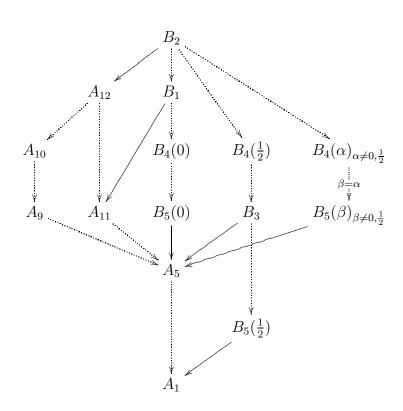
5.) Type $E_{\lambda} \to_{\text{deg}} E_{\lambda}$ with $\lambda \neq 0$:



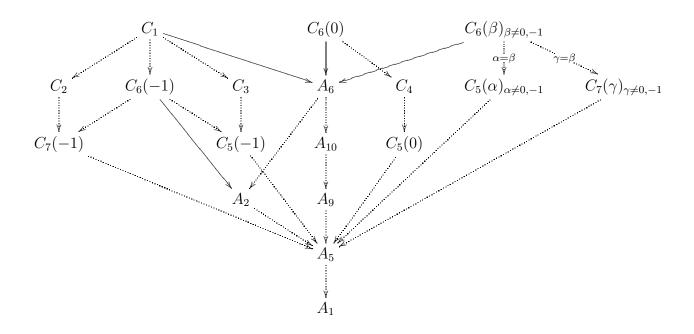
6.) Type $C \to_{\text{deg}} B$:



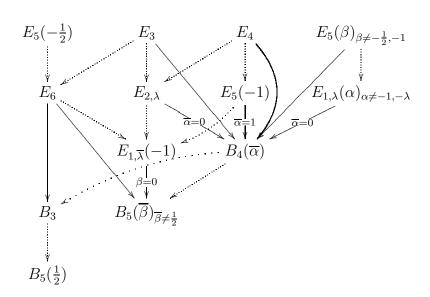
7.) Type $B \to_{\text{deg}} A$:



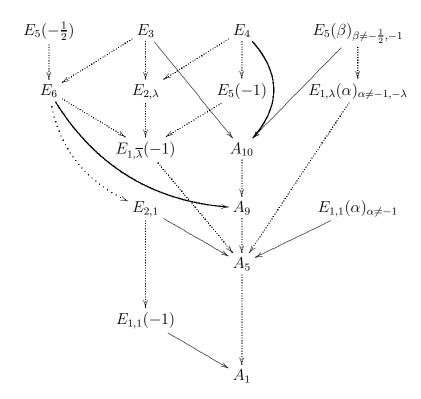
8.) Type $C \rightarrow_{\text{deg}} A$:



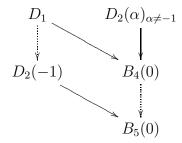
9.) Type $E_{\lambda \neq 1} \to_{\text{deg}} B$:



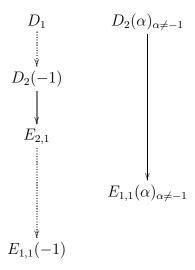
10.) Type $E_{\lambda} \to_{\text{deg}} A$:



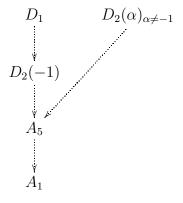
11.) Type $D \rightarrow_{\text{deg}} B$:



12.) Type $D \to_{\text{deg}} E_{\lambda=1}$:



13.) Type $D \to_{\text{deg}} A$:



6. List of essential degenerations

	1	2	3	4	5	6
$ ightarrow_{ m deg}$	$A_4 \rightarrow A_3$	$A_4 \rightarrow A_8$	$A_3 \rightarrow A_6$	$A_3 \rightarrow A_7$	$A_8 \rightarrow A_6$	$A_8 \rightarrow A_7$
g_t^{-1}	$\left(\begin{array}{c} t & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array}\right)$	$ \begin{pmatrix} t & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} $	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -t^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & t & t^3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\left(\begin{array}{c} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ t & 1 & t \\ 0 & 1 & t \end{array}\right)$	$A_8 \to A_6$ $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & t^{-1} & 1 \\ 0 & t & t^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\left(\begin{smallmatrix}1&0&0\\0&1&0\\0&0&t\end{smallmatrix}\right)$
	7	8	9	10	11	12
$\rightarrow_{\mathrm{deg}}$	$A_8 \rightarrow A_{12}$	$A_6 \to A_2$	$A_6 \rightarrow A_{10}$	$A_7 \to A_{10}$	$A_{12} \to A_{10}$	$A_{12} \to A_{11}$
g_t^{-1}	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & t^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & t & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\left(\begin{smallmatrix}1&0&0\\0&t&0\\0&0&1\end{smallmatrix}\right)$	$\left(\begin{array}{ccc} -t & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & t & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & t \end{array}\right)$	$\left(\begin{array}{cc}t^2&2t&1\\0&t^2&t\\0&0&1\end{array}\right)$	$A_{12} \to A_{10}$ $\begin{pmatrix} t & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & t & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & t \end{pmatrix}$	$\left(\begin{smallmatrix}1&0&0\\0&t&0\\0&0&1\end{smallmatrix}\right)$

	13	14	15	16	17	18
				$A_{11} \to A_5$		
g_t^{-1}	$\left(\begin{smallmatrix}t&0&0\\0&1&0\\0&0&t\end{smallmatrix}\right)$	$\left(\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ t & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & t & 0 \end{array}\right)$	$\left(\begin{smallmatrix}2&0&0\\0&1&t\\0&1&0\end{smallmatrix}\right)$	$\left(\begin{smallmatrix}0&0&1\\t&1&0\\0&t&0\end{smallmatrix}\right)$	$\left(\begin{smallmatrix}t&0&0\\0&t&0\\0&0&t\end{smallmatrix}\right)$	$\left(\begin{smallmatrix}1&0&0\\0&t&0\\0&0&t\end{smallmatrix}\right)$

	19	20	21	22	23
$ ightarrow_{ m deg}$	$B_2 \to B_4(\alpha)$ $\alpha \neq 0$	$B_1 \to B_4(0)$	$B_4(\alpha) \to B_5(\alpha)$	$B_4(\frac{1}{2}) \to B_3$	$B_3 \to B_5(\frac{1}{2})$
g_t^{-1}	$ \left(\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & t & 0 \\ -\alpha t^2 & -\alpha t & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha(1-\alpha)t & \alpha t^3 \end{array}\right) $	$ \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & t & 0 \\ 1 & t^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & -t^{-1} & -t \end{array} \right) $	$\left(\begin{smallmatrix}1&0&0\\0&t&0\\0&0&t\end{smallmatrix}\right)$	$\left(\begin{array}{ccc}1&0&0\\0&t&0\\-t^{-1}&0&t\end{array}\right)$	$\left(\begin{smallmatrix}1&0&0\\0&t&0\\0&0&t\end{smallmatrix}\right)$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}\hline & 24 & 25 & 26 & 27 & 28\\ \hline \rightarrow_{\text{deg}} & C_1 \rightarrow C_2 & C_1 \rightarrow C_6(-1) & C_1 \rightarrow C_3 & C_6(0) \rightarrow C_4 & C_6(\beta) \rightarrow C_5(\beta)\\ \hline g_t^{-1} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -t^2 & t \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & t^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -t^2 & t \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -t & 0 & t^2 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & t \end{pmatrix}$$

	29	30	31	32	33
$ ightarrow_{ m deg}$	$C_6(\beta) \to C_7(\beta)$	$C_2 \to C_7(-1)$	$C_3 \rightarrow C_5(-1)$	$C_4 \to C_5(0)$	$D_1 \to D_2(-1)$
g_t^{-1}	$\left(\begin{smallmatrix}1&0&0\\0&1&0\\\beta&0&t\end{smallmatrix}\right)$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & t^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\left(\begin{smallmatrix}1&0&0\\0&t^{-1}&0\\0&0&1\end{smallmatrix}\right)$	$\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & t^{-1} \end{smallmatrix}\right)$	$\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & t^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & t^{-1} \end{smallmatrix}\right)$

	34	35	36	37	38
$ ightarrow_{ m deg}$	$E_5(-\frac{1}{2}) \to E_6$	$E_3 \to E_6$	$E_3 \rightarrow E_{2,2}$	$E_4 \to E_{2,\frac{1}{2}}$	$E_4 \to E_5(-1)$
g_t^{-1}	$ \left(\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2t^{-2} & -t^{-1} & 0 \\ -t^{-1} & 0 & 1 \end{array}\right) $	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & t^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & t^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$	$\left(\begin{smallmatrix}2&0&0\\0&0&t^{-1}\\0&4&0\end{smallmatrix}\right)$	$\left(\begin{smallmatrix}1&0&0\\0&1&0\\0&0&t\end{smallmatrix}\right)$	$\left(\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & t^{-2} & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & t^{-1} \end{array}\right)$

	39	40	41	42
$ ightarrow_{ m deg}$	$E_5(\beta) \to E_{1,\frac{1}{2}}(\beta)$	$E_6 \to E_{1,2}(-1)$	$E_{2,\lambda} \to E_{1,\lambda}(-1)$	$C_6(\beta) \to_{\text{deg}} B_4(\alpha)$
g_t^{-1}	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & t^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\left(\begin{smallmatrix}2&0&0\\0&0&1\\0&t&0\end{smallmatrix}\right)$	$\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & t^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{smallmatrix}\right)$	$\begin{pmatrix} \beta \neq -1, \beta \neq -\alpha, \alpha \neq 0 \\ 0 & t & 0 \\ (\beta + 1)t & 1 & 0 \\ \alpha(\alpha + \beta)t^2 & (\alpha + \beta)t & \alpha(\alpha + \beta)t^3 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline & 46 & 47 & 48 & 49 \\ \hline \rightarrow_{\text{deg}} & C_4 \rightarrow B_4(0) & C_5(\alpha) \rightarrow B_4(-\alpha) & C_7(\gamma) \rightarrow B_4(0) & C_3 \rightarrow B_4(1) \\ \hline g_t^{-1} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & t & 0 \\ -t^{-1} & -t^{-2} & 1 \\ t^2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & t & 0 \\ 1 & \frac{1}{(\alpha+1)t} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{t} & -\frac{1}{\alpha t^2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & t & 0 \\ 1 & \frac{1}{(\gamma+1)t} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{t} & \frac{1}{\gamma t^2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & t & 0 \\ t^2 & 0 & 0 \\ t^{-1} & t^{-2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline & 50 & 51 & 52 & 53 & 54 \\ \hline \rightarrow_{\text{deg}} & C_2 \rightarrow B_4(0) & C_5(0) \rightarrow B_5(0) & C_5(-1) \rightarrow B_5(0) & C_7(-1) \rightarrow B_5(0) & B_2 \rightarrow A_{12} \\ \hline g_t^{-1} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & t & 0 \\ t^2 & 0 & 0 \\ t^{-1} & -t^{-2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & t & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & t \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} t & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & t^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & -t^{-1} & 1 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & t & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & t \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & t^{-1} & 0 \\ t^{-2} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

	55	56	57	58	59
$ ightarrow_{ m deg}$	$B_1 \to_{\operatorname{deg}} A_{11}$	$B_3 \to A_5$	$B_5(\beta) \to A_5$ $\beta \neq \frac{1}{2}$	$B_5(\frac{1}{2}) \to A_1$	$C_1 \to A_6$
g_t^{-1}	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ t^{-1} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$ \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & -t^{-1} \\ 0 & t^{-2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & t^{-5} \end{array}\right) $	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{-1}{t^2} & \frac{1}{(2\beta - 1)t} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & t^{-3} \end{pmatrix}$	$\left(\begin{smallmatrix}t&0&0\\0&t&0\\0&0&t\end{smallmatrix}\right)$	$\left(\begin{array}{ccc}0&t&0\\t^2&0&0\\0&0&1\end{array}\right)$

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